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Ann Speth of Bethel and Vicky Myers of Bryant Pond play and sing during an Oxford Hills Ukulele Group meeting. Speth said she had dabbled with the guitar in the past, teaching herself a few chords, but no experience is necessary to join the group.

A. Wight Chapman

Ukuleles coming to Whitman Library

BY AMY WIGHT
CHAPMAN

Sounds of the season will ring out at the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond next week.

On Thursday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m., members of the Ox-

ford Hills Ukulele Group, accompanied by co-founder Jim Burke on piano, will lead their second annual holiday sing-along at the library.

About two years ago, Pam and Jim Burke, who live in South Paris, signed up for

ukulele lessons through the SAD 44 Adult and Community Education program.

Gail Scott taught the class, and welcomed students from beginners to the more experienced.

The Burkes quickly became hooked on the small,

guitar-like instrument that originated in Hawaii in the late 19th century.

"I used to practice two hours a day," Pam said. "This has just given me so much pleasure."

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SAD 44, Newry still in stalemate on withdrawal

State: Law doesn't require a withdrawal agreement

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Despite two recent mediation sessions, the SAD 44 and Newry withdrawal committees are still in a stalemate in the process to negotiate an agreement for Newry voters to consider that could result in the town leaving SAD 44.

Where the parties go next - and what the implications are if the stalemate is indefinite - is uncertain.

The combined costs for SAD 44 and Newry consultants in the process total about \$80,000 so far.

The most recent propos-

al from SAD 44 would have created a "member-at-large" from Newry on the School Board, increasing the town's representation and potentially satisfying one complaint some Newry residents have had.

But the Newry committee rejected the proposal at a Nov. 17 mediation meeting.

The most recent proposal from Newry would have extended the number of years the town would continue to pay at its current rate for a SAD 44 education, even

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CPS playground's wooden equipment is splintering

BY AMY WIGHT
CHAPMAN

More than a dozen parents attended the first meeting of the Crescent Park School PTA Playground Committee on Monday evening to discuss safety concerns and solutions.

The group formed after members of the PTA, working with CPS Principal Levi Brown, arranged for a safety inspection of the playground in September.

Joel St. Pierre, a certified

playground inspector with M.E. O'Brien and Sons, New England's largest supplier of outdoor recreation equipment, conducted inspections of both playgrounds at the school, and the results were discussed at Monday's meeting.

St. Pierre's inspection found that the wooden surfaces of both playgrounds were splintering.

Brown said that splinters

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WARES FAIR CRAFTSMAN AIDS CANCER VICTIMS

The month-long celebration of "A Country Christmas in Bethel" kicked off the day after Thanksgiving with the 19th annual Local Crafts and Wares Fair at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. Sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, the event draws hundreds of shoppers seeking an alternative to Black Friday shopping at malls and big-box stores. A wide array of booths offer Maine-made holiday decor, one-of-a-kind gifts, and edible goodies, with new crafters added each year. Here, Wendy Dillon of Back to Roots offers dips, pickles, relishes, and seasoned popcorn, all made from foods grown on her Woodstock farm or purchased locally, as well as holiday decorations made from sustainably harvested greenery. An oncology nurse at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Dillon donates the proceeds from her handmade milkweed ornaments to the hospital's Celebration of Life gathering for cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers. Proceeds from her "Scatter Seeds of Kindness" line are donated to the Edible Bethel project.

A. Wight Chapman

Bethel Recreation Department

Saturday Youth Basketball is back!

Starts December 12, 2015

Telstar High School

All programs are coed

K-1	Skills and Drills	9-10 AM (6 weeks)
Gr. 2-3	Games and practice	10-11 AM (10 weeks)
Gr. 4-5	Games and practice	11-12 AM (10 weeks)
Gr. 6-7	Games and practice	12- 1 PM (10 weeks)

No basketball is scheduled for December 26th

Register online @ www.bethelmaine.org

Questions?

Please contact Michael Pelletier (207) 416-6400 or Recreation Director (207) 824-2669

GREENS SALE WEST BETHEL UNION CHURCH

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Letters

LET'S LIGHT UP THE GEM

To the Editor:

As new owners of the old Casablanca – now called The Gem – we want to thank the community for the support we have received over the past six weeks. We've screened nine different movies and held three events to gauge support for this project. Everyone has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic about the prospect of reopening the movie theater and we are excited to move forward.

To screen first-run movies, each theater needs to be upgraded to a new state of the art digital projection system. We have started a three-week ticket-sales campaign to raise \$40,000, which will allow us to convert a single screen to digital and begin showing new release movies. Sunday River Ski Resort has generously offered to match our first \$20,000 in ticket sales. We are pre-selling movie tickets for \$10 each; they are good for any regularly scheduled movie and include a small popcorn (no expiration). We need to pre-sell 2,000 tickets (raising \$20,000), which combined with Sunday River's support will allow us to get our largest theater up and running.

As of Monday evening, we have raised \$8,255 from online pledges on our Kickstarter campaign, \$1,520 from website and in-person ticket sales, and \$1,748 from our kickoff event this past Saturday! We would like to extend a special thanks to 22 Broad Street for supporting our event! We are already at 57 percent of our initial goal. Any money raised past this first goal will go toward converting our second largest theater, which will allow us to offer more diverse programming. To convert the second theater, we need an additional \$35,500.

So, the question is... how badly does Bethel want a community movie theater? If 80 percent of area residents (6,939 people) pre-bought a single ticket for the movie theater, we could convert both of the large screens to digital! If you think you'll go to the movies at least once, we need you to buy your ticket today!

We will be selling tickets online (www.thegemtheater.com), through our Kickstarter campaign and in person at the theater during our weekend screenings. This weekend, Dec. 5 and 6, we are showing the almost new movie, Mr. Holmes (Saturday and Sunday at 4 p.m.) and holiday classic, How the Grinch Stole Christmas (Saturday, 2 p.m.). Next Saturday, Dec. 12, we'll have an all-day, holiday movie marathon!

We know that there are a lot of worthy organizations vying for your support this time of year, so we appreciate your help in making the theater a reality. Please let us know what questions you have and what advice you can give us. Looking forward to watching a movie with you soon.

Let's Light Up The Gem.

Beth Weisberger and Wade Kavanaugh
Albany

CPS PTA THANKS

To the Editor:

We were very thankful that we have such a close knit and caring community. Over the past few weeks we have had Parent Teacher Conferences at Crescent Park Elementary School, which run from 3 to 7 p.m., with 20 minute sessions each of the two nights. As a thank you for all the hard work and dedication that all of the teachers and staff members give to our students, the CPS PTA has been providing an evening meal to these devoted professionals at CPS for three years now. We cannot provide this token of thanks to our teachers and staff without the generous donations from local businesses. This fall we were grateful that The Little Red Hen from Andover and the Hitching Post in Bethel generously donated sandwiches/wraps and Whoopie Pies for Thursday conferences. A group of volunteers made American Chop Suey, garlic bread, tossed salad, brownies, coffee, iced coffee and homemade lemonade on the Monday conferences and the Hitching Post also donated cookies. Donations from parents for both days included: chips, plates, cups, bowls, forks, knives and spoons. Thank you to everyone that donated and gave their time to this important event. Thank you to all the teachers and staff at CPS. You are the greatest and most dedicated professionals.

Haley Tripp
Crescent Park School PTA

TURKEY TUESDAY THANKS

To the Editor:

There are many reasons we all love this community—people look out for one another, it's safe, we have access to the wonderful outdoors.

And, we have "Turkey Tuesday." Since 1991 Heather and Dave of the Good Food Store, with the help of volunteers, have hosted this marvelous event open to all. This year over 300 people of all ages gathered together at the Legion Hall on Gore Road, everyone bringing a side dish to share and a contribution of food or money for the Food Pantry.

The crew cooked 16 24-pound turkeys and peeled 100 pounds of potatoes to feed us all. And they provided the gravy and the cranberry sauce. While tiny tots played on the floor, we oldsters caught up on the happenings with each other. I spoke with one young man who had moved here just a few years ago. He said, "This is what I imagine it must have been like 50 years ago in small communities. My family is visiting from Pennsylvania, and they can't get over this wonderful occasion."

In the midst of a world growing more frenetic and more violent by the day, we give thanks, we give thanks.

Ellen Crocker

CHRISTMAS FOR FAMILIES 2015

To the Editor:

We would like to take this time to give a big thank you to all that have already helped this year. We would like to give a very special thank you to United Bikers of Maine for their great donations every year, as well as Maine Line Products and Maine Street Realty for all you have done over these many years. American Legion in Locke's Mills, also the Ladies Axillary at the Locke's Mills American Legion that put together Christmas stockings for the children there is no way that we can THANK YOU enough for all of your efforts. Over the last few years we have been receiving donations from people that we helped in the past as well as people that are just finding out about us.

Again this year we will be having a Benefit Bingo on Dec. 4 at the American Legion in Locke's Mills. Come join for an evening of visiting and a chance to win prizes.

If you need some assistance or know someone that does we will do our best to help just let us know and we are trying to complete this by Dec. 15, 2015.

We do try to send blankets, warm clothes (hats, mittens, PJs, long johns, jackets and other clothes), boots (when we have enough money to buy them), reading, board games, Christmas items and toys (some large and some small) also we send things for the parents. One year someone brought us things for the pets in the families. We try to let them wrap by sending them paper, tape, tags and even bows when we can. We never know what we will have for sure but we always make it work to our very best.

Again thank you one and all know that you are all special for the sharing.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and as always we wish you good health and the best for you and your families.

Nina Wheeler
Christmas for Families

THOUGHTS ON ETHEL BISBEE SCHOOL

To the Editor:

I think that the Bethel selectmen should define how they see three objectives: a community room, keeping or tearing down the Ethel Bisbee School, and if the vote is 'Yes' applying for National Historic certification.

EBS is town property, but with entry steps it is not handicap accessible. For a community room the Bethel Inn Conference Center is a good model: ground level (no stairs), kitchen and restrooms and capability to have up to four meeting rooms at one time. Its original design was pointed toward National Training Laboratory (NTL) use. Even renting it now by the town for scheduled community use would cost much less than a new building. Parking is generous but not abundant.

No one is going to support giving EBS National Historic status in May and demolishing the building in June. That's why even discussing National Historic status for EBS now would be confusing to voters.

Donald G. Bennett
Bethel

COME TO THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

To the Editor:

The Mahosuc Community Band is excited about our upcoming concert this coming Sunday, Dec. 6, at 4 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel.

The concert is filled with traditional favorites and newer melodies. We have some new songs this Christmas season: A Longford Legend, a collection of Irish Ballads by Robert Sheldon, A Winter's Carol Arranged by Mark Williams, and A Festival Prelude by Alfred Reed. We will also play familiar favorites of A Christmas Festival, Charlie Brown Christmas, Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! and naturally Sleigh Ride.

All are welcome to come and start celebrating the holiday season. The band really appreciates the support of the greater Bethel community. Through the years it has been a pleasure to play music for the communities.

The community band practices Monday nights at the Congregational Church basement in Bethel. After the Holiday concert, the group takes a break and restarts rehearsals Jan. 5, 2016. New members are always welcome. The opportunity to enjoy music lasts through the years. Many of our members played in high school and stopped. Yes, it took time to regain the notes. Yet this group is really encouraging and enjoys music together. Young people from area Middle Schools and High Schools are welcome.

For more information, contact band president Brian Dunham at velvet_hollow_sugar_works@yahoo.com.

Jane Chandler
Bryant Pond

COME TO THE ROTARY LUNCHEON

To the Editor:

The Rotary Club of Bethel would like to invite all of our "senior" friends to our annual holiday luncheon next Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Locke Mills Legion Hall on the Gore Rd. in Greenwood. The complete ham dinner is served at noon, so please feel welcomed to arrive as early as 11:30 to allow time to visit and make new friends! All attendees will be provided a gift, compliments of the Rotarians.

If you are new to the community, and unfamiliar with this fun-filled event, please know that you are welcome! You are certain to meet some new friends, enjoy a delicious meal, learn a bit about what the Rotary Club of Bethel does, and open a gift as a small token of our friendship.

Ellie Andrews, Chair Service Committee
Rotary Club of Bethel

PROPAGANDA MACHINE IS DISHONEST

To the Editor:

Josef Goebbels wasn't the brightest bulb on the tree, but he knew a lot about deceit and propagandizing issues and populations. He built a disinformation and hate-mongering machine that eventually ripped a huge fraction of Germany loose from sanity and coerced it to carry the Nazi regime into a murderous campaign against the humanity of Europe. Goebbels didn't invent the mode, he borrowed methods from centuries of tried and true conquests and twisted them to fit his masters dystopian vision.

That's happening here in what's calling itself the "Republican Party" or the "conservative" wing nowadays. It's the major reason I left them after more than 50 years of active membership. We're seeing that mode in media items such as "DNC Employs Illegal Alien" in the Nov. 19 Citizen. Most tragic of all, we see it in the raving departures from reality and wanton distortions displayed in what's supposed to be well-reasoned debate among informed candidates and elected officials.

We The People, however, still have resources to check our information. Even though it might take a few minutes, we can check in at "FactCheck.org", "Snopes.com" and other reliable sources who care enough about our democracy to investigate important issues and report facts in responsible manner.

Unfortunately those reliable and responsible sources are not the best known in today's world and it's a sickening state of affairs that such travesties as "Fox News", Limbaugh, Savage, Beck, etc, etc, are more "popular" in our commercial, pump and dump media than our NPR, PBS, BBC, CBC, etc.

The "conservative" propaganda machine is, on evidence, dishonest and seditious at heart. It is convincing masses of busy, distracted and desperate folks to act against our better interests. The antidote to that pathology in our body politic is a conscientiously applied regimen of good political hygiene. We must get Big\$\$ out of our elections so that we can reclaim our rightful place at the helm of our ship of state. Until we do, citizens, our future is not in our hands.

Seabury Lyon
Bethel

From the Bethel Town Manager's Office

BY CHRISTINE M. LANDES

As always, it is my pleasure to provide this bi-weekly column for the citizens of Bethel. Hunting and fishing licenses are now available for purchase. This year the costs are: Hunting/fishing combos \$45, Hunting only \$28, and fishing only \$27.

As a reminder the rabies clinic will be held at the Fire Station on Dec. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$15 per animal. Only cash is accepted. A town employee will be at the clinic to license your dog.

Within the next two weeks, credit cards will be accepted at the Transfer Station. You may continue to prepay for your items at the office, but make sure you are prepared when you arrive at the transfer station to pay cash, card, or present a slip. We will no longer issue "I owe you" slips!

Work is continuing in the Bethel Citizen area of the Cole Black. New windows have been installed, the basement bulkhead was removed, and new siding will be replaced soon. It was encouraging to find a lot less rot than we thought we would encounter. Andy Wheeler and his crew have done an amazing job. Thank you!

The Sewer Fees Committee has completed their recommendation for wastewater fees. They will be presenting the proposal at the Dec. 14, 2015 Board of Selectmen's meeting. I would encourage anyone with questions to attend.

Upcoming holiday hours at the Town Office are as follows: closing at noon on Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas Day, regular hours on New Year's Eve and closed New Year's Day.

If there is anything I, or the employees of the town, can do for you please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you.

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN NICKERSON

10 years ago: Sunday River Ski Resort's Santa Sunday attracted 160 Santas, and raised \$1,600 for the Bethel Rotary Club's Christmas for Children Fund.

The Bethel Senior Citizens group enjoyed a bus trip to Indian Head Resort in New Hampshire.

Births: Morgan Olivia Zetts, Troy Parker Anderson, Kaden Patrick Paaso, Willow Nadeau Arsenault, Jessica Ruth Cummings.

Deaths: John F. Kallis, Donald B. Carver, Sr.

20 years ago: Greenwood selectmen had received 23 applications for the position of town manager.

"The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry was presented by the Telstar High School Drama Club.

Birth: Kevin James Godrich.

Deaths: Mildred C. Thomas, James E. Billings, Ruth Tyler, Chesley L. Webber, Constance D. Hindman, Walter A. Polvinen, Arland E. Farrar, Sr.

30 years ago: The GAMB, Inc. garment factory in the Bethel Mall opened Dec. 4.

For the first time in its 25-year history, Mt. Abram Ski Slopes in Locke's Mills began making artificial snow.

Death: Elsie M. Hinkley.

40 years ago: David Coleman, ski touring director at Sunday River Inn's ski touring center for the past two years, returned to resume his duties for the 1975-76 season.

The Telstar Drama Club was rehearsing two one-act suspense plays, "Portrait of Dorian Gray" and "Marked for Murder."

Deaths: Gotthard Carlson, Horace W. Hopkins, Mrs. Regina M. Nammarah, Edward F. Nelson.

50 years ago: Army National Guard 2d Lt. George H. Chase of Bethel had completed a nine-week armor officer orientation course at Fort Knox, Ky.

The Jr. Cotillion Club held a Christmas party at Odeon Hall. The "Unknowns" provided music for part of the evening.

Deaths: Mrs. Elizabeth Butts, Mrs. Bessie E. Fogg.

60 years ago: Snowfall of six inches or more was reported in the area. Traveling was hazardous but no accidents were reported.

The game inspection station at Andover reported a total of 160 deer tagged during the season. It was the largest number registered for many years.

Birth: Paula Ann Hakala.

Deaths: Guy L. Pratt, Mrs. Emma Morse York, Mrs. Ida M. Noyes.

70 years ago: Work in alterations and repairs was started at Bryant's Market. The place was to be operated as a self-service store.

About eight inches of snow fell in this area. Traffic was considerably hindered.

Deaths: Mrs. Lena Farnum, Miss Louise Marion Farnum.

80 years ago: A chimney fire spreading to the roof of the "boarding house" at West Bethel aroused much excitement. The Gorham fire department was called but was halted at Gilead as the fire was controlled.

Fifty-eight deer were tagged at North Newry.

Deaths: Fred Hendrickson, David Taylor, Frank L. Goodnow.

90 years ago: The first real snow storm of the season left about five inches. The children were making the most of the snow and using the sidewalk on Main Street as a sliding place.

Mrs. Edgar Chase of South Bethel had two pens of White Wyandotte pullets that produced 507 eggs during the month of November.

Deaths: Albert T. Silver, J. Hastings Bean.

110 years ago: The young men of the Bethel Athletic Association announced that their next social time would be a Grand Ball New Year's night.

W.C. Holt had closed his camps at Howard's Pond for the winter and moved his family to their home in Andover village.

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Powers

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Newry Town Administrator Loretta Powers is on the job for just a few more weeks. She and her husband Ed plan to relocate to Florida early in 2016. A. Wight Chapman

Bethel, starting back in the days when the store was still known as Prim's Pharmacy.

When she began working for the town, the schedule of four 10-hour days allowed her to keep her position at Preb's, and for a while, when her daughter was in college, she did both jobs.

"It's different every day"

Powers said one of the best things about the job has been the people, both those she works with and those who come to the town office to transact business.

"I've always been a people person," she said.

The short commute from home has also been a plus, and the changing nature of the work has kept it interesting.

"It's different every day," she said. "You never know what you'll come across, whether it's a pothole, a fire, or chasing the neighbor's cows out of the road."

In the course of her tenure, as both the town and Sunday River have grown, making more work for the town office staff, technology upgrades have helped the job to go more smoothly.

A switch to Trio accounting software allows motor vehicle registrations and real estate tax records to be handled with one program, and state programs that track vital statistics have also been improved.

Powers said the changes have made things easier for town offices, which can now issue computer-generated documents, like birth and death certificates, instead of using a typewriter to create them. The typewriters, though, are still on hand.

"We're probably one of the last town offices that still uses them, but when the computer system goes down, we still have to hand-type [documents]," Powers said.

3,500 tax bills

Three full-time employees—the town administrator, deputy clerk/treasurer, and code enforcement officer—and a part-time assistant clerk staff the town office.

Powers said the office is busy most of the time, but the pace picks up even more during the budget season, in preparation for the annual town meeting in March, and when real estate taxes are due.

Tax bills go out at the end of July, once the school district budget has been adopted, and are due at the end of September.

The town has only about 350 year-round residents, but its many second homes and, especially, the quarter-share units at Sunday River's Grand Summit and Jordan Hotels, mean that the staff sends out about 3,500 tax bills each year.

"We print, fold, and mail

all the tax bills in-house," Powers said, rather than using a mailing service. "The next person may not want to do that."

She said the only negative aspect of the job has been what she says is occasional unwarranted scrutiny and criticism, something she doesn't believe would exist if everyone understood that town office records are always open to the public and all taxpayers are treated fairly.

"If anyone wants to see the books at any time, all they have to do is ask," she said. "We don't make the rules here; we follow them."

Family connections

Powers said her husband's suggestion that they relocate to Florida surprised her at first, especially since their home in Newry is a log cabin he built himself, and he has worked for the Maine Dept. of Transportation for 25 years.

Both of her grown children, as well as her three grandchildren, live in Newry, and her husband's grandchildren live in Massachusetts. She will miss being near the grandkids, she said, but expects they will travel to Florida often to visit.

Her daughter attended college in Boca Raton and remained in the area for several years before moving back to Maine in 2009. Her parents have a place in Daytona where they spend three months each winter, and her aunt and uncle, former Bethel residents George and Sandra Wight, live in Daytona year-round. The Powers have visited often and have become familiar with the area.

She said they both expect to look for full-time work once they are settled in South Daytona.

Ed's skills and experience should translate well to a wide variety of jobs in the construction industry in Florida, which is experiencing a shortage of skilled workers.

She doesn't know yet what kind of work she will do, but said she has been checking out jobs on line in advance of their planned move in early January.

"We're not retiring," she said, adding "I wish!"

Their search for a new home took place long-distance. They looked at homes on line, and their

Florida relatives connected them with a real estate agent whose judgment they could trust.

"We weren't opposed to buying a fixer-upper," Powers said.

However, they soon learned that many of the "fixer-uppers" on the market in Florida required a prohibitive amount of work just to make them livable.

Instead, they found a home on a quarter-acre lot that had recently undergone extensive renovations and was ready for them to move into.

They looked at it on line, saw the inside during an October vacation trip, and made the decision to buy.

The closing took place in mid-November. During a quick trip to Florida two weeks later, they brought a load of their belongings to the new house, and had Thanksgiving dinner with Powers' aunt and uncle.

A new adventure

She said a lot of people have suggested that the change in lifestyle will be so drastic that she may not like it. She's regarding the move as a new adventure, and knows there will be some aspects of Florida life that will take some getting used to.

For one thing, she said, "I'm going to have neighbors. I've never had neighbors before."

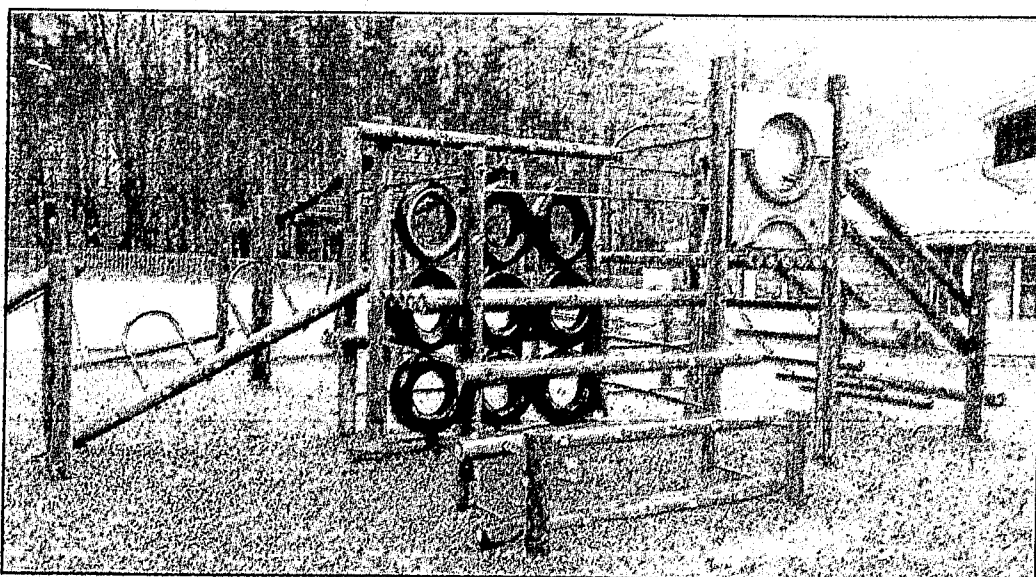
In Maine, the Powers have always enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time outdoors.

"We can still do all of that in Florida, just without having to clear snow," she said. "We wanted to do this now, while we're still young and healthy enough to enjoy it."

"If we find out we don't like it, we can always come back."

Playground

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A portion of the playground equipment at CPS. A. Aloisio

are by far the most common injuries sustained on the playgrounds, and added that it was not unusual for children to receive "darning needle size splinters" from the aging equipment.

The inspection also found that both the depth and area of surfacing material, in this case wood chips, around the swings is insufficient.

The landing surface should extend a distance equal to twice the height of the swing hanger in both the front and back of the swing set, and should be at least nine to 12 inches deep. Brown said more material was added a couple of years ago.

In addition, the report said, swing hangers were found to be located too close to each other, in-ground tires and cushioned steps had degraded to become a tripping hazard, swing chains showed wear, and the playground equipment presented numerous entanglement and pinching hazards.

Brown told the parents that school district staff had addressed all of the issues in the report that could be easily solved, including changing the spacing of the swings and removing the in-ground tires.

"We're at the point where any more changes would require removing the equipment or making major structural changes," he said.

Wood and soil tests. Although there is disagreement in the wood products industry about the extent of danger from wood treated with chromated copper arsenate (CCA), which contains arsenic, its use in outdoor play structures was voluntarily discontinued by the industry in 2003. Because the CPS playgrounds were installed prior to that date, the wood was also tested.

Those tests confirmed the presence of arsenic. The committee is still awaiting results of soil testing to determine if arsenic may also have leached into the surrounding soil.

Brown said steps had been taken to mitigate students' exposure to arsenic. The school no longer allows children to eat snacks while on the playground, reducing the chances that arsenic will be ingested with food that comes in contact with wood surfaces, and students now wash their hands with soap and water upon returning inside from recess.

Replacement costs

Some of those present said they had instructed their children not to use the playground, and one parent asked Brown if he believed that the playground, in its current condition, is safe for students to be on.

Brown said he believes it is generally safe, but agreed with the consensus that it needs to be replaced.

"The bottom line is that this playground could not be constructed today. What passed 20 years ago isn't what passes today," he said.

He said the cost to replace the playground could be as high as \$150,000. The discussion then shifted to how those funds might be raised.

Grants or sponsorships from local businesses were discussed. Committee members determined that they needed input from the

School Board to learn what types of fundraising are allowed under district policy, and whether the school budget might cover part of the cost.

Brown and representatives of the Playground Committee met with SAD 44 Superintendent David Murphy on Tuesday to discuss how to proceed with the goal of removal and replacement of the playgrounds.

Murphy said the meeting went well. "I'll be providing the School Board with an overview of the CPS playground issue on the 14th," he said. "The recommendation will be that it be brought to the Facilities Committee for their review, with the goal of reporting back to the Board with recommendations in January."

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Briefly

Newry road panel seeks input

NEWRY-The Newry Roads Committee will hold an informational/public input meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 9 to receive public opinion on the direction the town should take on improvements to its roads, particularly the outer Sunday River Road from Monkey Brook Road to the Letter S. The distance is about 15,000 feet, according to town officials. Committee member/engineer Jim Sysko said among the topics to be discussed are pavement width, bike lanes and timeline for work. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. At Tuesday's selectmen's meeting, the board approved accepting the donation of a 1990 five-ton pickup truck from the Maine Forest Service for the Fire Department. The vehicle needs about \$3,000 in work to be operational. Selectmen also set March 8 as the date for town elections and March 9 for the annual Town Meeting. Elections will see incumbent Selectman Gary Wight's seat and incumbent School Board member Whitney Gray's seat up for a vote. Nominations for the positions may be taken out beginning Dec. 14, and must be returned by Jan. 25. In other business Tuesday, selectmen agreed to support the area Age-Friendly Community project (no funding involved). They also held an executive session to discuss candidates for the town administrator position, but no decision was made.

Ukuleles

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She soon realized that it was even more fun to play with other people than to practice alone. In September of 2014, she and Jim put out a call via word of mouth for other ukulele players, or would-be players, to join them at their home, and the Oxford Hills Ukulele Group was born.

"We thought we'd have four or five people, and we had 12 or 13 at our first meeting," Pam said.

The group welcomes anyone to join, regardless of their musical ability or prior experience.

Most members had not played an instrument in the past, although Pam said a few had played the piano or guitar and knew how to read music.

"You may not ever be a star, but you can be pretty good at it after just a few lessons," she said.

"There's no pressure"

OHUG has about 40 people on its email list, and regularly draws more than 20 players to its practices. They have outgrown the Burkes' living room, and now meet at the West Paris Universalist Church, where Jim serves as music director.

The group meets twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays, during most of the year. They take the summer off after their second June meeting, and resume in September.

Not everyone is able to come to every meeting, and that's just fine with the group's organizers, who say it's all about having fun, with no pressure to practice or perform.

"Some people have other commitments, and might only come once a month instead of twice," said Pam Burke.

Vicky Myers of Bryant Pond said she had always liked the sound of the ukulele, and its small size was an added bonus.

She also plays the piano, but "a piano is just too big to have in the house," she said.

Pam Burke said one of the group's missions is community outreach. In addition to next Thursday's sing-along at the Whitman Library, they will perform holiday music at Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

It's up to individual members to decide if they want to perform, or just attend the informal Tuesday evening meetings to play and sing together.

"This group is really fun because there's no pressure," said Myers.

For those who enjoy the performance aspect of playing, the group fits in extra rehearsal time by holding separate one-hour practices prior to their regular, just-for-fun meetings.

Ukulele renaissance

The first ukuleles were based on several types of stringed instruments that were brought to Hawaii in the 1880s by Portuguese immigrants from Madeira and Cape Verde.

Portable and relatively inexpensive, the ukulele soon became popular throughout the U.S., where it was often featured in both jazz and country music.

Although the instru-

SAD 44

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though students would attend under a tuition arrangement if Newry withdrew.

But the district committee rejected that proposal unanimously at a Nov. 24 mediation meeting, according to SAD 44 Woodstock School Director Marcel Polak, chairman of the district's withdrawal committee.

BACKGROUND

The negotiations have played out over the past year, following a formal vote by the town last fall to proceed with the withdrawal process as outlined in state law.

Newry currently pays about \$3 million of the approximately \$10 million SAD 44 budget, and should

the town leave the district the remaining three towns would be left to make up the difference or make significant cuts to the budget.

In an effort to prevent the full impact being felt immediately, and to maintain or improve the quality of education, the Newry committee initially proposed gradually reducing the town's payment share over 10 years, and also proposed a "Targeted Grant Fund" for residents to fund at Town Meeting each year to go toward SAD 44 education.

SAD 44 counter-proposed, however, that Newry pay nearly the full amount of its current school share (minus the costs of operating its own new school unit) for 10 years.

The Newry panel most recently countered with a full amount payment proposal for five years, tapering off in the second five years, but that was rejected.

AT-LARGE MEMBER

Regarding the idea of an at-large School Board representative, Polak said Monday his group had "asked the Newry committee to rescind withdrawal and proposed to work with Newry to establish a member at large."

Polak said he does not have the details right now on how such an arrangement would be worked out, in terms of the weighted voting format the board employs. The law requires representation be determined by the one-person, one-vote philosophy.

But, said Polak, at-large arrangements have taken place in other districts.

"I've never been opposed to [Newry] having more representation," said Polak.

He added that in recent history, decisions made by the School Board "rarely come down to the number of votes a town has. What drives the board is the force of the argument."

Newry Withdrawal Committee Chairman Jim Sysko said Tuesday his committee rejected the at-large member offer because of the stipulation to drop the withdrawal process.

"We don't have the authority to drop our mission, which is to come up with a plan," he said.

But, he said, his committee will discuss the issue again tonight (Thursday) when it meets.

Asked if there might be any circumstances under which his committee might ask the town for a referendum vote to simply end the withdrawal process if another solution to Newry's concerns could be found - and voted

upon at the same time - Sysko said, "Possibly."

He speculated on a scenario in which Newry's representation on the School Board might equal its share in the budget (37 percent) instead of the population (4 percent). But, he noted, all School Board members statewide are charged with representing the overall district rather than their individual town. "What's the difference? It doesn't make sense," said Sysko.

Changing the representation, he concluded, doesn't satisfy Newry's "wish to withdraw."

SCHOOL PAYMENTS PROPOSAL

As for Newry's last proposal to continue paying SAD 44 the same for five years, Polak said that regardless of the time period involved, the ultimate result would be a shift of about \$2.5 million in today's dollars to the other towns - or significant budget cuts.

He reiterated an argument the committee has made for months: a withdrawal by Newry would, in effect, change the local school funding formula without other district towns being able to vote on it. "We do not believe the School Board should vote for an agreement that would dramatically change the formula, in essence, and that would only be voted on by Newry voters ... we believe the current formula is fair."

Polak also repeated SAD 44's assertion that Newry taxpayers already have the lowest tax rate in the district, thanks to many second homes contributing to its valuation. He also noted that through most of the first 25 years of SAD 44's existence, Andover and Bethel paid significantly more than Newry because of the differences in valuation. "Now Newry and Bethel are often neck-in-neck," he said.

Polak added that SAD 44 continues to work to improve education, citing such programs as the Telstar Freshman Academy and the senior year at Central Maine Community College.

Sysko, however, has argued that SAD 44 spends more on administration and less on instruction than other districts, with resulting harm to education.

As for the argument that Newry has the best tax rate in the district, Sysko said the same house in one town may be worth something different in another, so the comparison is not a valid one.

Besides, he said, Newry's concern is more a matter of what it gets for its money,

not what it is paying. "It's about who's spending it and what they are spending it on," he said.

Sysko has often said Newry's goal is to improve education in SAD 44.

Polak, however, said he has repeatedly asked how withdrawal would do that, but has not received an answer to his satisfaction.

A PRECEDENT?

Sysko said that by refusing to budge on the financial negotiations, SAD 44 is establishing a precedent for any Maine school district that doesn't want a town to withdraw: "Just say 'no.'"

Polak said he could not comment on the legal implications of not reaching an agreement.

Paula Gravelle, school finance coordinator for the Maine Department of Education, was asked if not producing a withdrawal agreement would result in non-compliance with the state statute that outlines the process for an agreement and town vote.

"No, there is nothing in the statutes requiring an agreement; there is a deadline of 90 days to produce an agreement, but the statute also allows for the withdrawal committee to request extensions of that deadline, which are always granted when requested," she said.

Asked if she knew of any situations in the past in Maine in which a withdrawal process never resulted in a town vote because of a continuing stalemate in negotiations, Gravelle said she did not.

"Eventually an agreement is reached, or in some cases differences are resolved, and the withdrawal committee seeks voter approval to stop the withdrawal process," she said. "It is up to the local parties to negotiate in good faith, and if necessary involve attorneys and/or mediators."

MEETINGS

Polak said his panel might consider further mediation, and plans to meet in the next few days to discuss the situation.

The Newry committee meeting tonight starts at 6 p.m. at the Town Office.

COSTS SO FAR

On Tuesday SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy was asked for an estimate of how much the district has spent so far on legal and educational consultant fees and on mediation in the Newry process. He estimated the total at between \$40,000 and \$45,000.

As for Newry, Sysko said about \$35,000 of the \$50,000 approved by voters last year has been spent.



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The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

My husband and I were in a store the other day and there was a young couple in the same aisle as us. They were so cute holding hands, sneaking kisses and giggling. As it turned out the young couple told us that they had recently gotten married and were buying some things for their first apartment. They were very excited about the towels they picked out together.

"Doesn't seeing those kids bring back some precious memories?" I asked Henry.

"What precious memories?" he asked in return. Okay, we've been married a lot of years and Henry's memory isn't as good as mine and he's not a very sentimental person so I decided that rather than be irritated I would cut him a little slack.

"Don't you remember when we were first married going shopping for cute things for our apartment and stealing kisses when we thought no one was looking?" I asked.

"I don't remember shopping or buying cute things. I don't consider things to be cute. I never giggled in my life and I barely remember our first apartment," he said. Irritation was starting to creep in and I gave

Henry what I hoped was a hard scathing look.

"I remember I couldn't get enough of you back then," Henry added.

I should have been happy with that; after all, it was a sweet thing to say. I should have ended that discussion right there, but the little devil in me decided to take another shot because I was sure

"I never giggled in my life and I barely remember our first apartment," he said.

that Henry was smugly thinking that he had pulled is butt out of the fire.

"That's a sweet thing to say Henry, but does it mean that you can get enough of me now?" I innocently asked.

"Well, sort of." He said and drove off in his electric wheelchair.

By the time I caught up with him I wasn't sure if I was feeling a little hurt or a lot irritated.

"What happened to us?" I asked. "We used to be so loving. For God sakes, we used to sleep entwined in

each other's bodies."

"Now you hog the blankets and your feet are cold," he said.

"Well, you snore!" I remarked.

"And you drool and make weird noises with your mouth," Henry snapped.

"And you're flutulent!" I threw at him.

The rest of the afternoon went downhill from there; however, by the time we got home we were back to our comfortable old married selves.

Young love is truly a beautiful thing and such an exciting time in you people's lives. It's an adventure getting to know all the mysteries about each other and sharing and intimacy that burns red hot.

But, there is something very special about old love too. We can have our little spats, but they blow over pretty quickly. There's not a lot of mystery left in the relationship, but there are still some sweet surprises.

I think Henry actually does remember the magic of those early years. I certainly do and I shall always cherish them, but the way I see it a little irritation now and then is good too and it helps to keep the circulation in our aging bodies going strong.

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Bethel

By Don Bennett



I called it a crafts fair but it was officially known as a Wares Fair that was held at the Bethel Inn Conference Center on Friday. Thirty five local crafters were expected to show their stuff. In this case, local meant a crafter but some came here from beyond Main Street. From foot treadle sewing machine to leg cramp cures a large crowd and moderate temperatures helped show off a super cascade of crafts. Bird houses caught my attention along with a table displaying Children's Feel Better pillows and Herbal Rice Bag - Your cordless heating pad. Microwave for hot and freeze for cold for \$15. Then there was a display with manikins of angelic looking faces of children with rainbow knitted wool caps. And for small wildlife snacking there were suet cake ornaments.

During the past week or so the rear structures of the Bethel Citizen have been undergoing a rebuild. From the looks of things some sections were ready to collapse. In the various old time newspaper accounts of the Cole Block I have not seen any accords of this structure being part of the original building. However, in 1907 a fire destroyed most of the at-that-time News Office (then owned by E.C. Bowler) and the adjacent jewelry store of Edward King. Alison went to the basement and did see some charred timbers still in place.

Good Food Store's barbecue business is still booming. Saturday afternoon there were two tables filled with barbecue patrons wearing warm jackets and stocking hats enjoying their smoked fare. At another time this weekend I saw a number of

cars with parties waiting for their orders to be ready.

People who shaped Bethel

In this week's column I have written a brief account of two people who added significantly to Bethel's development as a community: Nathaniel Tuckerman True and James H. Barrows.

At the time the event did not seem particularly auspicious. Nathaniel T. True came to Bethel from Pownal in 1835 to teach at the new Bethel High School. He was 23 years old and was also a college student when not in Bethel. The school ran two terms a year: spring and fall. According to William Lapham, True taught several terms then left Bethel. He was a popular teacher.

After completing college, studying medicine, discovering doctoring and he did not fit well, being principal of Monmouth Academy and finding himself as a teacher, he returned to Bethel in 1847. By then Bethel High School had become Gould's Academy in Bethel. Resuming teaching but more important, becoming principal of the academy, now Dr., True started down a road that would qualify him as one of the most significant personalities to ever reside in Bethel.

His second employment at Bethel's high school won high praise because his influence, expertise and professionalism attracted students adding luster to the school's reputation.

Dr. True became a Bethel resident. He was Bethel's first historian. Much of what Lapham has included in his "History of Bethel, Maine" Dr. True collected oral history. This he passed on in a history column of The Bethel Courier; he later became the paper's editor.

For more about Dr. True including a view of his magnific

cent home built in Bethel in 1856 but lost in an 1896 fire, see http://www.thebethel-journals.info/Dr_NT_True.htm.

James Barrows and the Bethel Chair Factory
In June 1886, what turned out to be Bethel's major event of the year and of the last years of the 19th Century occurred. An opportunity to attract a chair manufacturing business was communicated to a number of parties in Bethel by a Mr. James Barrows of West Paris.

These talks led to a quick submission of a petition to hold a special town meeting. The town meeting was held on July 3, 1886 which voted in favor of the town financing the constructing a mill for manufacturing chairs which would be leased to Mr. Barrows.

Once the town meeting adjourned work to accomplish the intention of the voters progressed very rapidly. In December that year the factory's new steam engine and boiler were successfully started for the first time.

Mr. Barrows was born in Greenwood in 1832. He first married Mary Fuller of Paris, who died several years ago. Later he married Mary A. Young. Early in life he became identified with the manufacture of chairs and continued this business up to within a year of his death. He was actively engaged in business during his entire life, and many years ago made chairs at Snow Falls, in Paris, and later was in the same business in West Paris for 26 years.

At the 1893 annual meeting of the Bethel Chair Company held in their office, J.H. Barrows remains president; J.U. Purington was elected secretary; F.H. Young, assistant secretary; Ellery C. Park, Treasurer; directors are: J.H. Barrows, H.G. Brown, J.U. Purington, Calvin Bisbee, W.W. Hastings, and E.C. Rowe. Net earnings were \$5,546.60. Gross earnings or sales, \$40,000; paid for labor about, \$17,000. The concern is in a flourishing condition with a healthy supply of orders. Note the number of well-known local names who were company directors.

Looking after his employees, Mr. Barrows made annual summer arrangements for his entire factory crew and their families to travel to Portland for a picnic and excursion around the Islands. For local businesses and the area suppliers such as the loggers who supplied the main raw material needed for chairs, the payments for purchases these people received gave a significant boost to the Bethel economy; and for those owning rental properties, chair factory employees were a significant supply of tenants.

See also: <http://www.thebethel-journals.info/jbarrows.htm>.



Bethel Chair Company promotional display of chair models (Bethel Historical Society).

Bethel

By Nancy Brown



I spent Thanksgiving at the home of my sister and brother-in-law, Laurie and Bob Hickey,

in Shelburne, N.H. Also eating dinner there were my mother, Musa Brown, sister Becky Crommett from Norway, my great-nieces Hannah and Katie Matczak from Bellingham, Mass., and their parents Karen Davis and Andy Matczak also of Bellingham. My contributions to the meal were broccoli salad and Brussels sprouts on the stalk. I wrote a few weeks ago that I was looking forward to showing my young nieces how Brussels sprouts grew. They were already familiar with the vegetable, and appeared somewhat bored by what I consider an intriguing plant. My niece Karen sautéed the Brussels sprouts in olive oil and tossed them with blue cheese, and a little salt and pepper. An amazing combination and great addition to our Thanksgiving meal. However, I did find another Brussels sprouts fan over the weekend. I usually toss my vegetable peelings into a "compost" area. Often, especially this time of year, squirrels, chipmunks, and other small animals eat the vegetables. Sunday I found a three-inch length of Brussels sprout stalk wedged into the crotch of a young tree six feet off the ground. Both ends of the stalk had been chewed. I'm guessing the stalk was left there by a gray squirrel. There were hundreds of people in Bethel last weekend for the beginning of Country Christmas in Bethel. Wreaths are up; the trees are lit on the Common and at

the corner of lower Main and Cross streets. This Saturday, Dec. 5, there is a full day of Christmas activities starting in the morning. The West Bethel Union Church hosts a greens sale and cookie walk from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. From 1 to 4 p.m. the West Parish Congregational Church holds its Annual Christmas Fair and Tea. It is a traditional English tea and the fair features homemade crafts and foods. Christmas at the Moses Mason House (14 Broad Street), from 3:30 to 6 p.m., includes music and refreshments in candlelit rooms decorated in 19th century style. At 6 p.m. the Bethel United Methodist Church will light the Memorial Christmas Tree on the lawn. Refreshments will be served after the lighting in the church dining room.

If you're looking for something more energetic on Dec. 5, join the Light Up Main Street Jingle Bell Walk. Christmas carolers will walk

up Main Street (from the Philbrook Place) to the Common for the lighting of the town Christmas tree. Meet at the Philbrook Place at 3:15 p.m. The tree lighting will be at 4 p.m.

Norway Memorial Library is celebrating December with "The Lights of Winter" on Friday, Dec. 11, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Doors open at 6:15 p.m.) Since many traditions and religions across the world celebrate in December with lights, the Friends of the Norway Memorial Library decided to honor many of them, including Hanukkah, St. Lucia's Day, Diwali, Winter Solstice, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. Entertainment will be by Sruli & Lisa performing klezmer, a musical tradition that originated with the Ashkenazi Jews of Eastern Europe. Refreshments will also honor these various cultures and traditions. The Geminids meteor

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Nov. 24

At 12:13 p.m. a report was received of a subject in the Bethel area driving on a temporary plate that had expired. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

At 8:52 a.m. Deputy Dere MacDonald served a temporary protection from abuse order on Vernon Street in Bethel.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

At 2:51 p.m. Lt. Tom Harriman investigated a compliance violation on a sex offender in Bethel.

At 2:53 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of harassment in Bethel. He was unable to make contact with the suspect to issue a verbal warning. The Mexico Police Department was contacted and they advised they would assist in locating the subject.

Friday, Nov. 27

At 11:37 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland received a complaint of a vehicle passing with oncoming traffic and on a double yellow line on the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel. A subject was stopped and a summons issued for improper passing.

Saturday, Nov. 28

At 12:16 a.m. Deputy Josh Aylward responded to a Bethel residence and assisted Bethel Rescue with a subject who had fallen and hit his head. The subject was later flown by LifeFlight.

At 9:39 a.m. Deputy Dere MacDonald received a complaint of a bike stolen on Park Street in Bethel.

At 7:19 p.m. Deputy Dere MacDonald performed a vehicle stop on Mayville Road in Bethel that resulted in an operating after suspension charge.

At 11:38 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward stopped a vehicle on Mayville Road in Bethel for having a defective brake light. Further investigation found the driver had a suspended license. Aiden Clarke, 18, of Bethel was charged with operating after suspension.

OCSD Jail Log

Nov. 26, 10 p.m.: Paige Daye, 29, of Hanover, OUI; by Trooper Paul Casey in Hanover.

Nov. 26, 11:21 p.m.: Robert N. Stiles, 25, of Portland, failure to appear; by Deputy Steve Witham in Woodstock.

Nov. 28, 5:07 a.m.: Buddy J. Grant, 21, of Dixfield, operating after suspension; by Deputy Josh Aylward in Woodstock.

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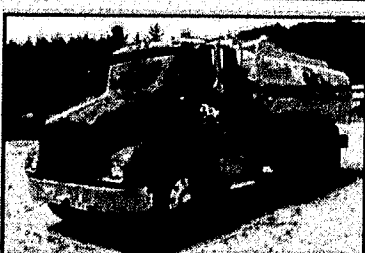


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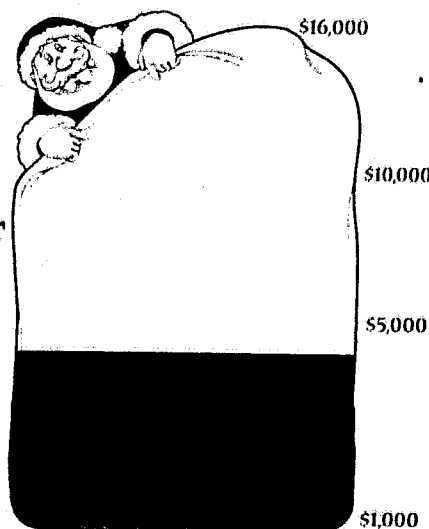
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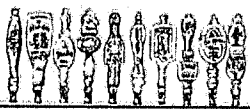
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A community celebrates the 'Andy House'

BY MARIA HOLLOWAY

A community celebration of The Andy House will be held on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Sunday River Brewing Company, Bethel. The event is open to the public. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Join Andy Barlow and friends as they dedicate an evening to giving thanks to the many volunteers whose helping hands built Andy a new, wheelchair accessible home. The house located on his Main Street, Hanover property is nearly complete, and Andy is expected to move in later this year.

Andy Barlow, joined by emcee Kate Carroll of Beth-

el, will recognize the Town of Hanover's 2015 Volunteers of the Year with a presentation of a special gift to each of the many workers who made the dream a reality. Later in the evening Rumford firefighter Ben Byam will weigh-out as he concludes his weight loss challenge (which he began this past September) to lose 80 pounds for the cause. Limited edition Andy Project souvenirs will be sold during the evening and food and drink will be available for purchase from the menu which includes pizza, salads, burgers, sandwiches and more.

Groundbreaking for The Andy Project took place on July 20, 2015. Thus far, over

\$27,000 in private funds have been raised for the project. Over \$17,000 of the total monies came from events in the local community including a Pie Night in Hanover this summer and auction and weight loss challenge at Rooster's Roadhouse in Bethel this past fall. Although much of the labor, equipment and supplies have been donated, some money was needed to cover the cost of certain supplies which were acquired at cost or at a discount. Donations continue to pour in as the finishing touches are being made and furnishings are being purchased for the new home.

Howard Bailey, a long-

time builder from Andover stepped forward this past spring and volunteered to spearhead the project. Shortly thereafter many subcontractors and suppliers followed suit and also donated labor, equipment and supplies for the cause. The result has been overwhelming. Andy and the entire community are filled with joy and a deep sense of gratitude.

For more details about the project and to learn more about Andy Barlow, please visit www.TheAndyProject.com. For more information about the Dec. 10 event, please contact Maria Holloway at HanoverMeNews@gmail.com or call 603-553-1973.

USDA local work group meeting

The Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District (OCSWCD) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are inviting the public to attend a meeting of the Oxford County USDA Local Work Group on Thursday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m. to noon at the Oxford County Extension Office at 9 Olson Road in South Paris.

The Local Work Group will provide recommendations for the 2017 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to their local USDA - NRCS for: local natural resource priorities, and criteria for conservation activities and programs. Topics of discussion in Oxford County will include: Ag Waste, Forestry, Pastureland, Cropland, Wildlife, and High Tunnels. Other issues and areas of concern can be discussed as well, and a list will be compiled of priorities recognized by this group.

Please contact any of the following with questions: Jean E. Federico, OCSWCD Education and Outreach Coordinator, 743-5789, ext. 111, Anna Donahue, NRCS District Conservationist 743-5789, ext. 102, or NRCS Soil Conservationist Alexander Stace, 743-5789, ext. 107.

shower is between Dec. 4 and 17, with the peak on the night of Dec. 13/14. The Geminiids are unique because they are not the result of a comet as most meteor showers, but the result of an asteroid, the 3200 Phaeton, which takes 1.4 years to orbit the sun. The Geminiids sometimes give a spectacular show, with up to 120 meteors an hour. This year viewing should be good (weather permitting, of course). There will be a waxing crescent moon with pale light, which shouldn't interfere. The best viewing will be after sunset. Astronomers suggest looking south to see the most meteors.

Dog licenses for 2016 are available at the Bethel Town Office for dogs that live in Bethel, Albany, and Mason. A license is \$11 per dog or \$6 for a spayed or neutered dog. A current rabies certificate must be presented. If your dog is not up-to-date on her/his rabies vaccination, there will be a rabies clinic on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Bethel Fire Station, from 2 to 4 p.m. The fee for the rabies shot is \$15; payments in cash only. A staff member from the Bethel Town Office will also be there to issue licenses for dogs resident in Bethel, Albany, and Mason.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



I do hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving with family. I will try next week again to get ahold of people to hear more about their Holiday.

Arlene Harrington was with Dory Hallman in Durham for Thanksgiving from Nov. 22 until the 29th. They had a nice time. There was a light snowfall there, which stayed on the ground for about two days. Arlene was surprised to hear that there had been none around here. Well, I am sure we will see some soon enough.

Congratulations to Kenny Grover and Bryce Walker. Kenny tagged a 146 pound 7-pointer and Bryce a 175.5 pound 8-pointer.

I am curious to find out how many of you celebrate Advent? Nov. 29 was the 1st Advent Sunday of this season. It is celebrated in Germany. Have to admit that I still have to work on my wreath or center piece with the four candles for this season. Call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com. Have a great week.

West Bethel

By Karen Paul



Continued from last week... "Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently." - Maya Angelou.

I had found courage that day and pushed on with my quest to experience a movie set and maybe sneak a peek at Hollywood royalty. It would be a great story to tell my grandkids about how Granny made a fool of herself chasing an old impossible dream.

It was shocking to me that mother owned a teal polyester suit still neatly enclosed in the Montgomery Ward wrapper. Standing in my parents' bedroom, I tell mom that time is of the essence and I need to get hair and makeup right for the 70s scenes. Mom went directly to an old box and pulled out the perfect "flower power" pin, lipstick, and to my surprise, eye shadow! Hard to believe she had ever owned any such silliness.

With a satisfied look on her face, Momma dressed me, rolled up my hair in curlers, applied make-up and sent me out the door. Maybe she was not the raggedy old farmer I had pegged her to be; she had known fashion and employed her skills to create my "back to the future" look.

Roadmap in hand I drove myself to Brunswick. Circling the Bowdoin campus one and a half times, I was stopped by a uniformed man. He questioned my presence then held me in the roadway as oncoming traffic snaked into a parking lot. Idling there, a stream of humanity crossed my vision including a striking blonde, Grace and strength surrounded her every step. Who was this vision among the throng of passers-by and why were my eyes glued to hers?

Call it fate or divine intervention her eyes met mine and the delight of recognition was overwhelming. There in the midst of uncertainty and confusion was my good friend from Bethel. She approached me and with that twinkle in her eyes and witty grin of hers asked, "What are YOU doing down here?" We both unknowingly had left the quiet environs of Western Maine to experience something new.

Jewell Clark was here too and told me she would wait for me to park and together we followed the masses

into the casting auditorium. Looking around I felt intimidated by the sheer numbers but we all were quickly herded forward by assistants and wardrobe people. Up ahead the experts would say yea or nay about our suitability for the scenes. My dream might be crushed in an instant. Fear gripped me as we were so close but still not sure.

A woman scanned me and passed me through with a confident "perfect" and I was in!! Jewell's screening by another was altogether different. She was sent to hair and wardrobe for a special fitting and look. We girls met up later for lunch on the soccer field and shared our different experiences. For two long days we were delighted to be living in 1970 again, surrounded by a throng of extras clad in such sweet familiar memories.

I recently found an old photo of the making of this Maine classic, "Man Without a Face" and the next day ran into Jewell downtown and she brought it up. We laughed and reminisced about what courage can do and how dreams come true. True Story!

Andover

By Alice Hoyt



More progress to report on the Brickett Bridge reconstruction. The bridge will be closed December 8-11 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. for boring tests. Those coming from the north should detour at the Cross Road, to the Upton Road. Those coming from the south should take Route 5 to the four corners, turn left onto Upton Road and right at the Cross Road. This will be an inconvenience for four days, but will help us get closer to the actual bridge replacement.

Family and friends gathered on Sunday afternoon at the Town Hall to help Phil and Mary Learned celebrate their wedding anniversary. I'd write the number of years, but since I was unable to attend, I only have misinformation which included two numbers. One was 50 the other 65 years. In either case, congratulations to them.

This coming Saturday, Dec. 5 will be filled with all kinds of activities here in Andover. The annual Christmas Craft Fairs at both the Andover Fire Station and the First Congregational Church will take place. Hours at the church are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and feature Christmas items, raffles, bake sale and take-out

food. If you're baking for this event please bring items Friday night, Dec. 4 between 5 and 7 p.m. The Firemen's Association event will be until 3 p.m. with the visit from Mr. Claus at 2 p.m. This will give our local children a chance to have a personal visit with Santa and ask that he fulfill their dearest desires to arrive on Christmas morning. There will also be vendors and goodies. In the evening the Snow Valley Snow Goers will hold a potluck supper, followed by a club meeting at 6 p.m. in the clubhouse, located off Route 5. This year acceptance of small donations to the Andover Elementary School will be welcome. These funds will be used by school staff and students to create handcrafted items which will be pupils' gifts for home, relatives and friends. The club wishes to thank all participating in the project in advance. All are welcome at the supper/meeting; just bring a dish to share.

Now that deer hunting has concluded, I can report that a total of 51 deer were tagged at Mills' Market Tagging Station. Five of them were over 200 pounds, the largest weighing in at 231 pounds, followed by the runner-up who tipped the scales at 219 pounds.

The Town Clerk would like to remind people that this is the time of year when you need to license your dogs. When doing so, please bring proof of spaying or neutering and a Rabies Shot Certificate. Another reminder from the Town Office is that the third Tuesday meeting at 7 p.m. is now a work meeting. Only the warrants will be signed while the Selectmen-Assessors will address assessing issues and other necessary items. Therefore, the department heads need not be present and there will not be time for citizen comments. The change has been made necessary due to amount of issues needing attention as we approach the end of the year, budgeting for next year, the annual report, etc.

If you're planning to build something on your property, start a business or change the business you already have, you need to check with the Planning Board which meets of the first and third Monday of each month. The Planning Board helps protect our community by making sure state regulations for shoreline buildings, septic systems, etc. do not impact our natural resources in a negative way.

As you pass the bandstand with all the lights of the season, the next time you see them, remember to thank Vickie and Marshall Meisner who have undertaken this project for the last several years.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



December has arrived. The weather is a little cooler on Sunday, as I write this column, than it was on Black Friday. The temperature got up to around 60 degrees.

My brother, Steve McLain, has been enjoying his Thanksgiving break from SAD 44. It has given him some time to catch up on some things that never seem to get done around the house. Steve also attended the Rotary Club Breakfast last Sunday with his son, Brad McLain.

Mary Tyler was returning from Gorham, N.H. the other day when she was delighted to see a Bald Eagle fly over her car. She was just coming across the Wild River Bridge when the eagle was flying up the river from the mouth of the Androscoggin River. She noticed how bright the white on his head and tail was with the sun shining on him.

Brad McLain and his wife, Carole Mason, hosted Thanksgiving Day dinner for his parents, Steve and Lise McLain.

Steve and Lise McLain went to Bethel last Friday to check out the Local Craft and Wares Fair at the Bethel Inn Conference Center.

Hugh and I had a fun day on Black Friday. We headed to Gorham, N.H. early in the morning to pick up our granddaughter, Sidney, and her faithful companion, Chloe, the granddog. Then we headed for Bethel to go shopping. We started out with the Local Craft and Wares Fair and then went over to the gift shop at the Bethel Historical Society. We ran into Stan Howe and Randy Bennett while we were there. Then it was off to Nabors after Randy suggested we stop there. Then we stopped at the Philbrook Plaza before heading to Pat's Pizza for lunch. After lunch it was off to Reny's in Bridgton. We had time to look around there and do some shopping before meeting Carole to pick up our grandchildren, William and Annie Chapman. We completed the day by returning back to Gorham with three grandchildren and Chloe. Chloe loves to ride and would rather be doing that than waiting at home alone.

While we were at the craft fair, we ran into Norm Buttrick and Cathy McGuire. They were spending Thanksgiving at their place on the Bog Road. On Thanksgiving Day, they entertained family for Thanksgiving Dinner.

Hugh and I attended Thanksgiving dinner last Sunday at Tim and Michele's. Having dinner on

Sunday made it possible for all the children to be present. Those attending were Leo and Ann Croteau, and the grandchildren, William Chapman, Annie Chapman, Ajay Landry and Sidney Chapman. After dinner, we celebrated William and Annie's November birthdays. William's birthday was on Nov. 6 and Annie's was on Nov. 30. William turned 15 years old and Annie turned 13 and became a teenager! How fast they have grown up.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmanl@hotmail.com.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the Woodstock Fire Station today, Thursday, Dec. 3, for a meeting and dinner put on by the Fire Dept. There will be an exchange of gifts and cards. If you wish, bring a gift to exchange. Items for Kids for Christmas are to be brought to this meeting.

Franklin Grange 124 met on Saturday, Nov. 21. The Thanksgiving basket was drawn and Fran Adams from Lovell won it. Letters about the fate of the Grange were handed out to be mailed to each member. Program was by Ruby. Opening thought; Song, "Over the River and Through the Woods;" a round-robin game; Song, "Prayer of Thanksgiving." Next meeting is at the Grange Hall at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, followed by a potluck lunch and exchange of gifts and cards.

On Friday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. at Franklin Grange 124, Bryant Pond, James Miclon will be honored as Police Officer of the Maine State Grange. The public is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Christine at 743-5277.

The Whitman Memorial Library program for December will be Thursday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. at the library. Jim Burke and the Oxford Hills ukulele group, back by popular demand, will hold a sing-along of Christmas songs. The public is invited to attend at no charge with light refreshments served.

Sympathy is extended to Jim and Jane Chandler on the death of Jane's brother.

A delicious dinner for Thanksgiving was held at Telstar on Sunday, Nov. 22. Many thanks to the National Honor Society and all who helped.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and

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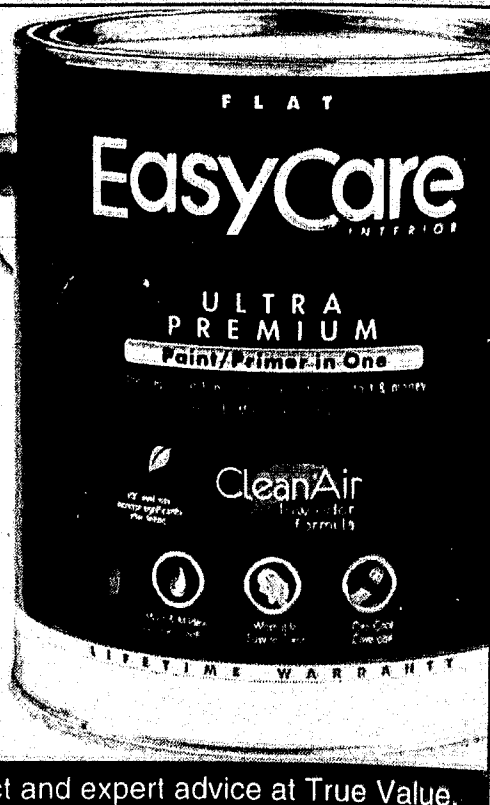
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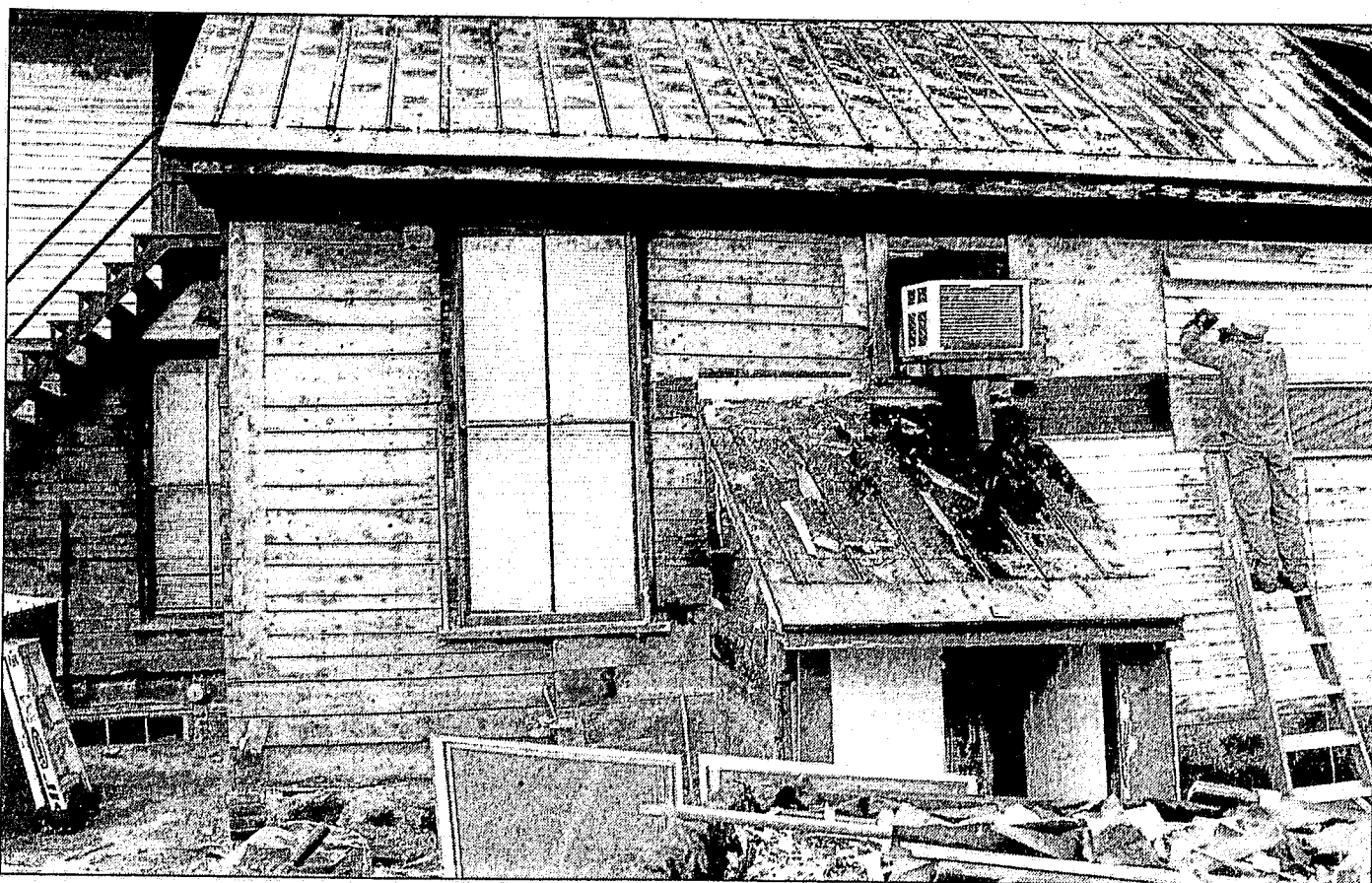
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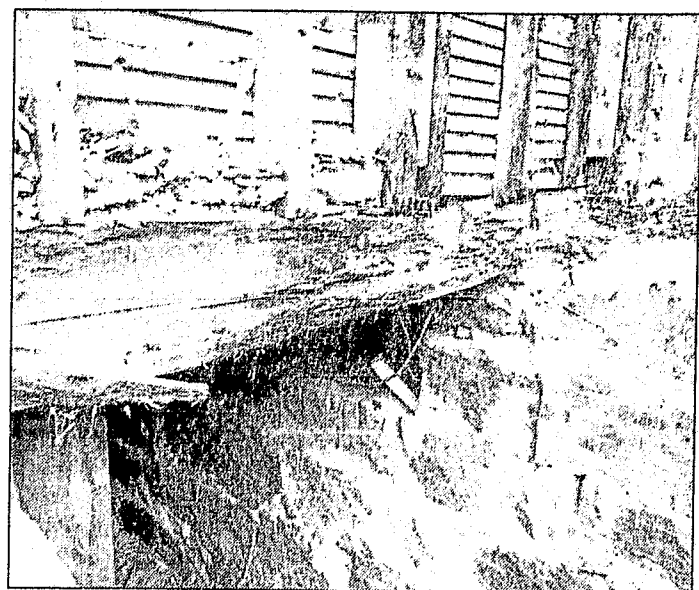
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COLE BLOCK IMPROVEMENTS—Left, work to make improvements to the back of the Cole Block (Town Office) building in Bethel got underway last week. The old windows are being replaced, and plans also call for eventually adding insulation in the walls. The Citizen's office is at the back of the building. Andrew Wheeler Restorations is doing the work.



Some rot in the support beams was found. A. Wheeler

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up. Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. is observance of the Lord's Supper. Saturday, Dec. 12 at 9 a.m. is a special edition of Ladies' Coffee Cup Devotions. There will be a gift swap. Please bring a wrapped gift and a goody to share. Sunday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. is the Christmas program. Thursday, Dec. 24 is Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. There will be no mid-week service this week.

Hanover

By Maria Holloway



2015 Volunteers of the Year

All are welcomed to a community celebration of the Andy House next Thursday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Sunday River Brew Pub in Bethel located at the corner of Sunday River Road and Route 2. Andy Barlow and friends will recognize the Town of Hanover's 2015 Volunteers of the Year whose helping hands built the new home on Main Street. The house is nearly complete and most recently the beautiful live-edge siding has been added.

The party will be hosted by emcee Kate Carroll of Bethel and will include a presentation by Andy to each of the volunteers. Ben Byam will weigh out as he concludes his weight loss challenge for the cause. There will be raffle prizes and an opportunity to get your limited edition Andy Project souvenir. Food and drink will be available for purchase from the pub menu which includes pizza, burgers, sandwiches and more.

Thus far, nearly \$28,000 in private funds have been raised for the project with over \$17,000 of the total coming from events right here in our local community including the Pie Night hosted by the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library in Hanover this summer and an auction and weight loss challenge at Rooster's Roadhouse this past fall. Andy is expected to move into his new home within a few weeks as the finishing touches are in the works and furnishings such as appliances and furniture are being purchased for the new home.

If you have not yet done so, there is still time to donate to the cause. Many of you have already given generously of your time and resources over and over again. Andy and friends thank you for that and hope you will

join in this important celebration! All volunteers and suppliers to the project are encouraged to attend. See you on Dec. 10.

For more details about the project please visit www.TheAndyProject.com. For more information or questions about the Dec. 10 event, please contact Maria Holloway at HanoverMeNews@gmail.com or call 603-553-1973.

Town Update

The Town tree lighting will take place next Monday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office. The tree mysteriously appeared last weekend — just two sets of footprints and a tree waiting to light up for the holidays.

Tax bills have gone out this week. Bills paid prior to Dec. 31, 2015, will qualify for a 2 percent reduction.

Locke's Mills

By Amy Wight Chapman



The Greenwood Historical Society is excited to announce the publication of its bicentennial book, *The Early History of Greenwood, Maine*. Written by GHS President Blaine Mills, it includes an overview of each of the town's 17 neighborhoods and a history of the Alder River Ponds (North, South, and Round), as well as more than 60 photos from the GHS archives.

The book is available for purchase on line at Lulu.com (search "Greenwood Maine") and copies will be available soon at the Greenwood Town Office and other locations. It is priced at \$12, and would make a great Christmas gift for anyone with a connection to our town.

We're plunging headlong into the Christmas/New Year's/winter solstice time, and there are plenty of celebrations of the season.

I hope to attend several events on Saturday, from the Shaker Christmas Fair at Sabbathday Lake Village in New Gloucester to the West Parish Congregational Church Christmas Fair and Tea and the Bethel Historical Society's Christmas at the Mason House.

Remember that the annual Christmas Cantata at the Locke Mills Union Church is on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m.

Jackson Silver Legion Auxiliary has Christmas tree bulbs available to purchase in memory or in honor of a loved one. The bulbs are \$3 each, and the trees will be

lit at their December Christmas party. Call Anita Hakala at 890-2699 or Jamie Hastings at 674-2540.

Round Pond loon chick

Ruth Blakney asked me to let everyone know that she received this response from Jim Chandler with regard to the loon chick on Round Pond: "The reports of the demise of the Round Pond chick have turned out to be erroneous. According to Jen Chase and Betsey Foster, the nearly fully developed chick has been seen as late as early October. If it made it this far, I doubt that the bald eagles will be much of a threat."

Veggie of the week

Since I wrote rather extensively about Brussels sprouts in my last column, this week let's talk about kale.

I bet that as you read those four words — "let's talk about kale" — you immediately lined up on one side or the other of the Great Kale Debate.

Oh, there's no debate over whether kale is good for you. On nutrition websites, it usually sits at the top of lists like "Top Ten Healthiest Foods" and "Eat These Foods to Fight Cancer."

Wikipedia says kale is a good source of vitamins A, C, E, K, and B6, folate, manganese, thiamin, riboflavin, pantothenic acid, iron, calcium, potassium, phosphorus, carotenoids, and lutein. Whew.

The Obamas had two kinds of kale at their Thanksgiving dinner — kale Caesar salad and braised kale, collards, and turnip greens — which may have helped to offset the fact that they also had six kinds of pie.

No, the debate seems to be over whether kale is delicious. Or even edible.

Kale is the butt of a lot of jokes, and memes like "Kale chips: Better than starving. Sort of." I just sent my best friend (a fellow kale skeptic) a birthday card that said, "May you be as desired as ice cream and as respected as kale."

I have to confess that, like Brussels sprouts, kale is a vegetable I've managed to avoid almost entirely throughout my life, and on the few occasions when I've tried it, I've been fairly unimpressed.

However, I'm willing to

give it another chance. After all, it's not only healthy, but readily available, easy to grow, and almost impossible to kill. (That same friend says, "It's the cockroach of leafy greens. Nothing kills it.") Without mulching it or using cold frames, my brother in Vermont once picked some from his garden on New Year's Day.

One thing that has always bugged me about kale is the fact that you have to cut out the tough rib before you cook it, a tedious, time-consuming process. But thanks to a tip from Nancy Willard, I now know that there's a tool for that, and I'm going to order myself a "kale stripper" ASAP.

It's a handy little plastic gadget with holes that you put the stem through and pull. Nancy says it works great, and also works to strip fresh herbs off the stem. I watched a couple of videos online, and I'm sold.

I'll let you know how it works out. In the meantime, feel free to share your favorite recipes for making kale delicious, or at least edible.

E-mail your news (or kale recipes) to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, leave a message at 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

Mason

By Richard Grover



One Saturday during deer hunting, I came across a small blue dog toy football and brought it home for Shiloh. The ball has a built in squeaker, and I think it is addictive to Shiloh. He loves to run around with that ball in his mouth running the squeaker continuously. Now, that's okay outdoors, but in the house it gets darned irritating after a while. It has the same sound that his old "squawking rooster" toys had that he loved so well. At any rate, either Mona or I will take the ball from Shiloh when he squeaks it in the house and put it either the counter or atop the humidifier. Usually, Shiloh knows that he's not supposed to take anything off the counter without permission, but occasionally he grabs the squeaker and starts irritat-

Upton

By Joe Bernier



The Upton Ladies' Aid annual Christmas party for Uptonites and Ladies' Aid Members and their families will be Saturday, Dec. 12, 2 p.m. at the Ladies Aid Building. Finger foods will be served and other traditional Upton Christmas party activities will be the afternoon's entertainment.

A two-year-old miniature cat, Penelope, is looking for a new home. She is spayed and litter box trained. Please call 533-2011 or 533-2061 for more information.

Monday, 6 a.m., the digital thermometer read 7.5 degrees, the coldest temperature so far this year.

The Upton selectmen are scheduled to meet Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m. at the town office.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your local news.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham



It is December now and finally cold, at least yesterday and today. They say it will warm up again and we will have rain. That beats the white stuff, for me anyway. That said, the guys fixed the plow truck and we are almost ready to go — just need a new battery that can withstand the cold. Not bad for a 1975 truck! So I guess we are ready for whatever comes.

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We did. We

went to friends, Tom and Kathy's, in South Paris and had a great meal. Tom is a good cook. I made corn meal stuffing and cranberry sauce and we brought some store bought pies that couldn't hold a candle to the pies Tom made, but we all ate and ate until we couldn't eat any more. Good thing it only comes once a year or I'd be as big as a house. In any case, hope all had as good an event.

Today, Dec. 3, there is an open house to say goodbye to Loretta Powers, the Newry Town Administrator, at the Newry Grange Hall from 4 to 6 p.m. Come and wish Retta luck in her next adventure.

Saturday, Dec. 5, in Norway, there is a Children's Book Signing at Books 'n' Things from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with local author Billie Lou Damon and local illustrator Stephanie Fowler to sign their book *Princess Bella Bling and Wizard Wiz Wayne*, a Maine Fairy Tale.

Sunday, Dec. 6, the Maine Democrats meet at noon at the Crescent Park School. A potluck lunch will be served, bring something to share. FMI call Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

Monday, Dec. 7, Socrates Café will meet at Waterford Library from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The topic is: *The American Health System; is it Working?* Moderator will be Therese Johnson. Light refreshments will be served. FMI call 583-6957.

Monday, the Knit and Chat group also meets at Waterford Library from 2 to 4 p.m. All knitters are welcome. FMI call 583-2050.

That is all for this week. Must go down cellar and put wood in the stove. It is getting cold in here. Have a great week. Anyone wanting to send me something to print please call 743-0583.

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District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street. Donations for the Bethel Food Pantry should be left on the porch at 57 Elm Street. Contact Dave Bean at beand@gouldacademy.org or 824-0369 with any questions.

Thursday, Dec. 3

Story Time at the Bethel Library; 10 a.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad St. (across from the Common). The theme for the December Story Time for young children is "winter." Books read will include The Lost Mitten and Cross-Country Cat. A parent or caregiver must accompany the child. FMI call the library at 824-2580.

Open House for Newry Town Administrator Loretta Powers; 4 to 6 p.m., Newry Grange Hall. Please join us for refreshments and to wish Retta well in her next adventure.

Friday, Dec. 4

Cookies With Santa at Woodstock Elementary School; Santa lights the town Christmas tree at 6 p.m. and the fire department brings Santa over to the Woodstock School where students and their families may visit with Santa. There will be tables of crafts for students to make and lots of cookies to eat.

LRCC Winter Concert; 7 p.m., Twitcheil Chapel, Bridgton Academy. The Lake Region Community Chorus (LRCC) program offers a great variety of musical styles from the classical to popular and everything in between. Come and hear these energetic singers perform old favorites like I'll Be Home for Christmas and Happy Holidays as well as traditional carols that include an English medley and Go Tell it on the Mountain. Suggested donation: \$5 to \$10 (not required).

Saturday, Dec. 5

Greens Sale; 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., West Bethel Union Church. Crafts, cookie walk and food.

Children's Book Signing; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Books 'n' Things, Main Street, Norway. Local author, Billie Lou Damon, and local illustrator, Stephanie Fowler, will do book signings of their children's book, Princess Bella Bling and Wizard Wiz Wayne: A Maine Fairytale.

Annual Christmas Fair and Tea; 1 to 4 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Join us for a festive traditional tea and at the fair featuring Christmas and other handmade crafts, a cookie walk, attic treasures, and delicious food from bread to pickles. FMI: 824-2689, westparishucc@gmail.com or our website: www.bethelcongregationalchurch.org.

Christmas at the Mason House; 3:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Historical Society's Moses Mason House, 14 Broad Street, Bethel. Music and refreshments in the Mason House period rooms, decorated in traditional 19th Century style and illuminated by candles. FMI: 824-2908.

Parade of Lights and Family Christmas Festival; The Berlin Main Street Program and Kiwanis Parade of Lights will start at 4 p.m. by the 12th Street Bridge, Berlin, N.H. and travel south to Heritage Park for the Knights of Columbus Family Christmas Festival. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit with the kids from 4 to 8 p.m., and there will be free hayrides, hot chocolate, children's games, prizes, and food for purchase. The evening will conclude with an 8 p.m. fireworks display, viewable from Heritage Park and all along the River Walk.

Lighting of the Memorial Christmas Tree on the Lawn of the Methodist Church; 6 p.m., Bethel United Methodist Church, 79 Main Street, Bethel. Refreshments in the dining room after the tree lighting. Bulbs for the tree in honor or memory of people may be purchased for \$5 each. The names of persons honored will be read at the lighting ceremony. FMI: 824-2483.

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Meeting/Potluck; 6 p.m. at the clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover. This year acceptance of small donations to the Andover Elementary School will be welcome. These funds will be used by school staff and students to create handcrafted items which will be pupils' gifts for home, relatives and friends. Thank you in advance for support of this project. All are welcome to join us for this supper/meeting and please bring a dish to share for the supper.

Sunday, Dec. 6

Oxford County Democrats Meeting; 12 noon, Crescent Park School, Bethel. A potluck lunch will precede

the meeting. Attendees are encouraged to bring something to share. The meeting will include general business with reports on recent activities, candidate recruitment and planning for the Presidential caucuses on March 6, 2016. FMI: Cathy Newell (875-2116) or https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems.

Taize Service; 4 p.m., Christ Episcopal Church, 35 Paris Street, Norway. Worship in the Taize tradition includes simple chants and songs, sung a Capella or with very simple musical accompaniment such as flute or guitar; short Scripture readings and/or meditation and contemplation by the light of flickering candles. Sometimes icons are included as a way of focusing one's thoughts and prayers in the silence. This service provides an opportunity for those who consider themselves "Spiritual But Not Religious" and might not be comfortable at a regular Sunday morning worship service. All are welcome and are invited to come and join in this special worship tradition.

Mahoosuc Community Band Winter Concert; 4 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church.

Monday, Dec. 7

Children's Stage Adventures Auditions; 3 p.m., Crescent Park School, Bethel. Approximately 50 local children, grades kindergarten through five will be cast to appear in the CSA production of "The Emperor's New Clothes," a musical rendition of the Hans Christian Anderson classic joined with the spirit of the American West. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play.

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: The American Health System: Is It Working? Moderator: Therese Johnson. Light refreshments provided. FMI call 583-6957.

Dec. 8, 9, 10 and 11

Ledgeview Christmas Sale; 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday, Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris. Donations will be graciously accepted. FMI: Rachel Wilday (674-2250).

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Bethel Rotary's Annual Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon; 12 noon (doors open at 11:30 a.m.), Jackson-Silver Post 68, American Legion, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. Area Senior Citizens are welcome for a ham lunch with all the "fixins."

Mundt-Allen Legion Post 81 Christmas Party; 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, the Funky Red Barn, Bethel. Please Call Bob McCartney 836-3575 or Bob Everett 836-2038, to give number of people and Choice of entree. The cut-off date is Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Androscoggin River Watershed Council Annual Conference; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bethel Inn Resort. "The River Current" is an opportunity for everyone to learn about river and land conservation activities along the entire Androscoggin River watershed. Although you can register on site, pre-registration is recommended for planning and logistical purposes. Registration \$40 for adults and \$30 for full time students. FMI: www.androscogginwatershed.org.

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting/Luncheon; 11 a.m., Sudbury Inn. Menu is baked haddock or beef steak. Reservations must be made before Dec. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice. Price of dinner is \$15.

Coig Christmas and CD Release Tour; 7 p.m., Mexico Congregational Church, 163 Main Street, Mexico. Refreshments available by donation. Jam session at 6:15. Tickets \$15. Info: 207-562-4445 or www.necelticarts.com. FMI on the performers: http://www.coig.ca.

Thursday, Dec. 10

Story Time at the Bethel Library; 10 a.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad St. (across from the Common). The theme for the December Story Time for young children is "winter." Books read will include The Lost Mitten and Cross-Country Cat. A parent or caregiver must accompany the child. FMI call the library at 824-2580.

Christmas Sing Along; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Jim Burke on the keyboard and the Oxford Hills Ukulele group, back by popular demand, will lead a Christmas Sing Along. The program is open to the public at no charge and Christmas-type refreshments will be served.

Bethel Area Substance Abuse Task Force Meeting; 3 p.m., MSAD 44 Superintendent's office. FMI/RSVP: Patty Duguay (364-7408 or rvhccdugay@gwi.net).

CELEBRATE! The Andy Project; 6 p.m., Sunday River Brewing Company, corner of Route 2 and Sunday River Road, Bethel. Join in the celebration of the new Andy Barlow home. Andy will honor the Hanover Volunteers of the Year and Ben Byam will weigh out as he concludes his weight loss challenge for the cause. Food and drink available for purchase. Limited edition Andy Project souvenirs, raffles and fun! Kate Carroll, Emcee. Open to the public. For more info contact HanoverMe-News@gmail.com or call 603-553-1973.

Friday, Dec. 11

Annual "Let Your Light Shine" Celebration; 6:30 p.m., West Paris Library. FMI: 674-2004.

CSA Presents The Emperor's New Clothes; 7 p.m.,

Crescent Park School, Bethel. Approximately 50 local children, grades kindergarten through five will present "The Emperor's New Clothes," a musical rendition of the Hans Christian Anderson classic joined with the spirit of the American West.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Texas Hold'em Tournament; Doors open at 11 a.m., games begin at 12 noon, Jackson-Silver Post 68, American Legion, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. \$50 buy-in, \$5 license, high hand options, pull tabs, 50/50, light meals and beverages. BYOB. FMI: Ray 890-3737 or 875-2375.

CSA Presents The Emperor's New Clothes; 11 a.m., Crescent Park School, Bethel. Approximately 50 local children, grades kindergarten through five will present "The Emperor's New Clothes," a musical rendition of the Hans Christian Anderson classic joined with the spirit of the American West.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Potluck Holiday Party; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Linwood Swett will be giving a demonstration on insulating your hives with Styrofoam. Everyone's welcome. FMI: Kevin (farrout@roadrunner.com) or visit mainehoneybees.com.

Christmastide Choir Concert; 3 p.m., Second Congregational Church UCC, 205 Main Street, Norway. This year's concert will also include songs by the Children's Theater Workshop and a performance by professional dancer Debi Irons. The concert is free to the public, by tickets are required. Tickets will be available at Books 'n' Thins on Saturday, Nov. 28. A reception with Christmas goodies and punch will follow the concert.

Sunday, Dec. 13

Annual Christmas Cantata; 4 p.m., Locke Mills Union Church. Refreshments following. Donations for music accepted.

Monday, Dec. 14

SAD 44 School Board Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Telstar Library.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

Telstar Middle/High School Winter Concert; 7 p.m., Telstar's Helen C. Berry Auditorium. Featuring performances from the middle and high school bands and choirs.

Wednesday, Dec. 16

Maine Veterans' Home 20 Year Celebration; 2 p.m., Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris. Guest speakers will reminisce about the selection of the land for development of the facility in South Paris, the construction, and the accomplishments over the years. Tours will be available, music will be performed by the OHCHS String Quartet and there will be a slide show on the facility. Refreshments will be served. FMI: www.mainevets.org or 207-743-6300.

Thursday, Dec. 17

Oxford County USDA Local Work Group Meeting; 10 a.m. to noon, Oxford County Extension Office, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District (OCSWCD) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) invite the public to attend a meeting of the Oxford County USDA Local Work Group. The Local Work Group will provide recommendations for the 2017 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to their local USDA - NRCS.

SeniorsPlus Long-Distance Learning Program; 1 to 2:30 p.m., West Paris Library. A Class on Weather Forecasting. A Long Distance Learning program presented by SeniorsPlus. Free with pre-registration - call 1-800-427-1241.

Saturday, Dec. 19

"Ghost Buck: One Man's Family and their Hunting Traditions" Book Launch; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Bethel Historical Society's Dr. Moses Mason House exhibit hall. Long-standing American wilderness champion Dean Bennett, a native of Locke's Mills in Greenwood, weaves together memoir, natural history, politics, and emotion into a volume chock-full of information about hunting in a changing world and the legends of the elusive Ghost Buck that haunted his family's camp. The event is free, refreshments will be served, and copies of Dean Bennett's book will be available for purchase and signing.

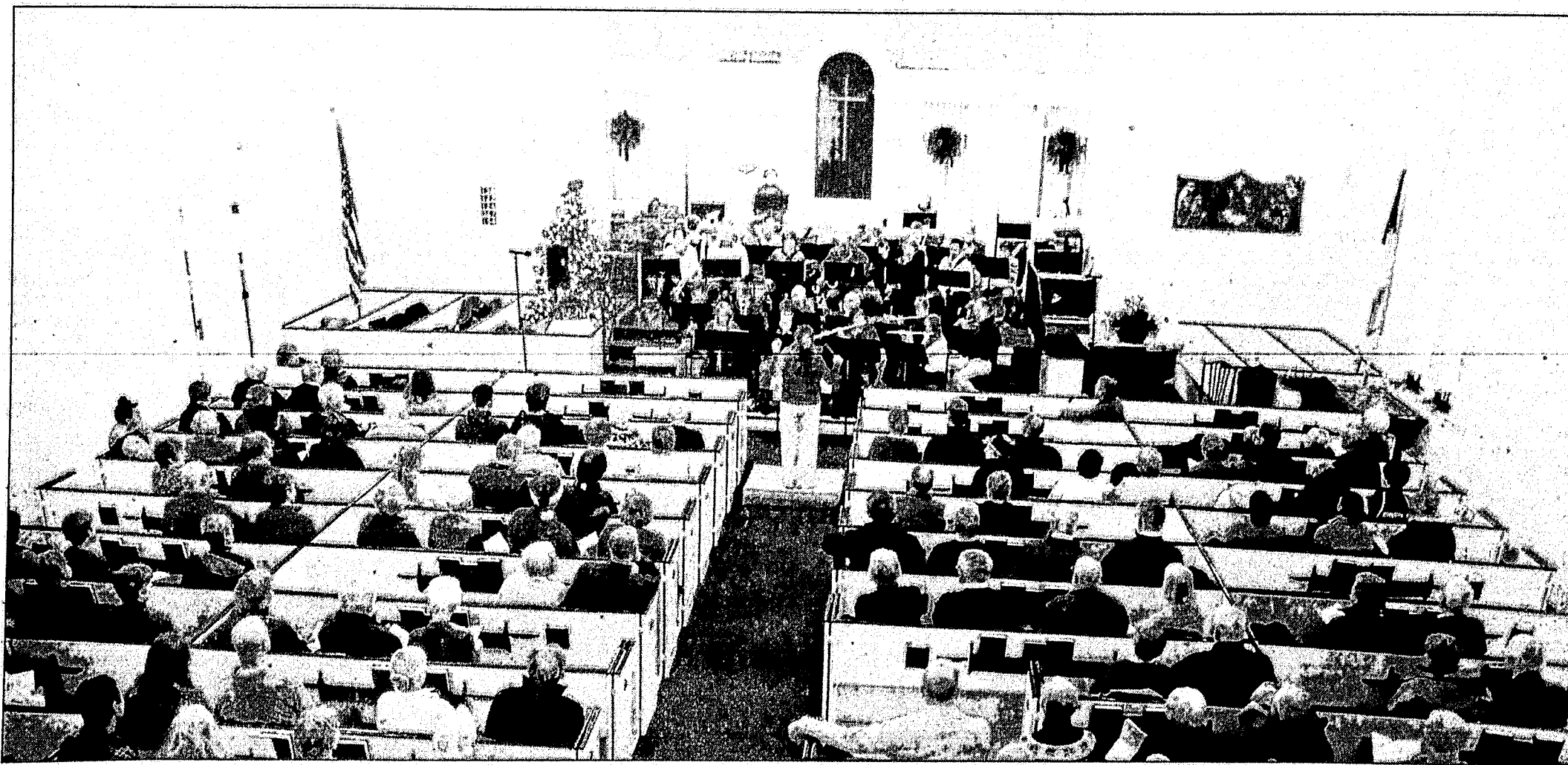
Sunday, Dec. 20

Finnish-American Heritage Society Meeting; 2 p.m., 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Following a short business meeting, Natalie Parsons will present a very interesting program describing her journey to Antarctica last winter. The public is invited to attend and share the coffee table.

Living Nativity; 5 p.m., Bethel Common. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. It will be followed by a time of sharing Christmas refreshments at the Moses Mason House. Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Thursday, Dec. 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service; 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Rd. (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more info.



The annual Mahoosuc Community Band Winter Concert will take place Sunday, Dec. 6, at 4 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church.

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REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.
Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.
Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.
SAD 44 School Board: Second and/or fourth Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info or go to http://www.sad44.org/pages/MSAD_44_Bethel/School_Board).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover
 Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.: Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym.
Bethel
 First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.: Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.
 Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m.: Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.
Wednesdays
 Yoga Classes with Yogamoto. Classes are held at 4:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (no class Nov. 25) at the United Methodist Church Annex at 75 Main Street. Yogamoto is a donation-based nonprofit yoga practice. You pay what you can - suggested donation is \$5-\$15. Classes are one hour vinyasa flow and suitable to all skill levels. Proceeds are donated to local education. Private classes also available. FMI: www.yogamoto.com (207)200-3815 info@yogamoto.com
 Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m.: Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.
 Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.: Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.
 Second Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at the Alliance Church on Route 26 in Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call 836-3575.
Saturdays
 Yoga Classes with Yogamoto. Classes are held at 8am and 9:30am at the United Methodist Church Annex at 75 Main Street. Yogamoto is a donation-based nonprofit yoga practice. You pay what you can - suggested donation is \$5-\$15. Classes are one hour vinyasa flow and suitable to all skill levels. Proceeds are donated to local education. Private classes also available. FMI: www.yogamoto.com (207)200-3815 info@yogamoto.com
Woodstock
 Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.: Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the museum.
West Paris
 Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.: West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith

based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Norway

Third Wednesday of the month: Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.: at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.: Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.: Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE VOICES

24-hour hotline: 1-800-559-2927. Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806.

AA Meetings/help

Bethel Freedom Group: Open Discussion Meeting (seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1) Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room, at Sunday River Resort.

At United Methodist Church (Main Street, Bethel): Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Candlelight Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 p.m.

Cancer Support

Northern Vista at Home Senior Care offers a free shuttle service to those going to re-occurring chemo or radiation appointments at St. Mary's or Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. To schedule a ride call Gerry McCann, director at 207-836-2173.

Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m.: Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

Exchanges/Pantries

Clothing Exchange: Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Bethel Food Pantry: serves residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton, and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon until 8 p.m. Anyone who needs food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street in Bethel by the side entrance on Park Street. (Donations should be left on porch at 57 Elm Street. Questions, contact Dave Bean at beand@gouldacademy.org or 207-824-0369.)

Help for the Homeless

Rumford Group Homes, Inc.: operates three homeless shelters, a Maternity Group Home program for homeless pregnant and parenting youth ages 18-21 and Case Management services. Emergency shelter services include the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and their children and the Rumford Family Center for homeless families. To make a referral or to request assistance, please call 743-6363 in the Norway

area or 369-9439 in the Rumford area Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information about Rumford Group Homes, Inc., call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

Lyme Disease

First Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m.: Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076. Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m.: Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Mental illness

Beacon House Social Club: 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

Veterans' Services

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris: Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9 to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

Multiple services

Community Concepts: provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

Alzheimer's Support

Caregiver Support Group: Second Tuesday of the month, 10 to 11:30 a.m., West Paris Town Office, 26 Kingsbury Street. This group is for anyone caring for a family member or friend with memory loss. New members may join at any time. Free and open to the public. FMI: SeniorPlus (1-800-427-1241).

Alzheimer's Support Group: meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

Brain injury support

Brain Injury Support Group: for individuals with brain injuries and their families. West Side NeuroRehab, 618 Main St., Lewiston. First Monday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m. FMI: Deb Hammer 795-6110.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1 to 4:30 pm; Thursday 1 to 4:30 & 6 to 8 p.m. Tel: 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday 9 to 1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1 to 8; Thursday & Friday 1 to 5 Saturday, 9 to 1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30 to 6; Wednesday 1:30 to 7; Friday 1:30 to 6; Saturday 10 to 2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9 to 3; Thursday, 5 to 8; Saturday, 9 to noon.

Calendar items

Calendar items may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426. Deadline is Monday at Noon.

CHURCH SERVICES

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Laird Bean. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Linda Couture, pastor. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. 1063 South Main St. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Rd., Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available). Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Elaine Carter 415-9136 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Bethel Episcopal House Church - Bethel House Church meets the third Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. The location will rotate among member homes and the Intervale Meeting House, and The Rev. Nancy Moore from Christ Episcopal, Norway, leads the service and Eucharist. All are invited. FMI contact Rosemary Laban at 850-766-1241 or Christ Episcopal Church at 207-743-6782.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26), Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2833.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street. Rev. Timothy LeConey. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street. Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-2027.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). FMI: 836-2828. Visit us on our Facebook page.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel.

Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355.

NORTH WATERFORD/STONEHAM

OXFORD COUNTY UNITED PARISH (North Waterford and East Stoneham) - Summer services at 9 a.m. in the North Waterford Church on Route 35 across from Melby's Eatery. On July 20 a special-and casual-church service will be held on the Fairgrounds during the Waterford World's Fair, with shuttle service available on site. In September, services will return to the East Stoneham Church, Route 5, and the regular hour of 10. All are welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wednesday Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/ Rt. 118 (corner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 207-890-9944 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, South Paris. Pastor Nancy Moore. Sunday morning service 11 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Singers/third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, South Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Services Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI 743-2491.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI 743-2606.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday

School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI: 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI: 603-466-2136.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. 276 King St. Oxford.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary. 364-2193.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave. Monday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m.; Tuesday Mass 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m.; Wednesday Mass 9 a.m.; Friday Mass 8 a.m.; Saturday Mass 4 p.m.; Saturday Mass 6 p.m.

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 89 Congress St. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI: 364-3856.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m. 207-388-2610.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - 208 Main St., W. Paris. 9 a.m. services September to June. FMI: Bob Clifford 674-3442.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School- 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth- 6 p.m. Word of Life Olympians (kids club)- 6 p.m. Wednesday. Ladies' Bible Study- Monday, 6:30 p.m. Food pantry for West Paris residents, first and third Tuesdays of month, 1-3 p.m. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Mid-week Service Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson 207-527-2551, Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock): Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome. **Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group** meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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TELSTAR WINTER BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIMES
DECEMBER			
December 10	Dirigo	Home	3:30 (JV & V)
December 16	Mt. Valley	Home	3:30 (JV & V)
December 17	St. Dom's	Home	3:30*
JANUARY			
January 4	Buckfield	Home	3:30**
January 13	St. Dom's	Away	3:30**
January 19	Dirigo	Away	3:30 (JV & V)
January 20	Mt. Valley	Away	3:30 (JV & V)

* Girls first at 3:30, followed by Boys

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TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIMES
DECEMBER			
December 4	Madison	Away	5:30
December 7	Mt. Abram	Home	5:30
December 9	Wiscasset	Home	5:30
December 12	Dirigo	Away	5:00
December 14	Boothbay	Away	5:30
December 18	Oak Hill	Away	7:00
December 22	Lisbon	Home	7:00
December 29	Carrabec	Home	5:30
JANUARY			
January 4	Lisbon	Away	7:00
January 7	St. Dom's	Home	7:00
January 11	Winthrop	Home	7:00
January 15	Hall-Dale	Home	5:00
January 22	Mt. Abram	Away	5:30
January 26	Mt. Valley	Home	7:00
January 28	Dirigo	Home	4:30
FEBRUARY			
February 2	Monmouth	Away	7:00
February 4	Winthrop	Away	7:00

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December 7	Mt. Abram	Home	7:00
December 9	Wiscasset	Home	7:00
December 12	Dirigo	Away	2:00/3:30
December 14	Boothbay	Away	7:00
December 17	Oak Hill	Away	5:30/7:00
December 21	Lisbon	Home	5:30/7:00
December 29	Carrabec	Home	7:00
JANUARY			
January 5	Lisbon	Away	5:30/7:00
January 8	St. Dom's	Home	5:30/7:00
January 12	Winthrop	Home	5:30/7:00
January 15	Hall-Dale	Home	6:30
January 19	Mt. Valley	Away	5:30/7:00
January 22	Mt. Abram	Away	7:00
January 25	Mt. Valley	Home	5:30/7:00
January 28	Dirigo	Home	6:00/7:30
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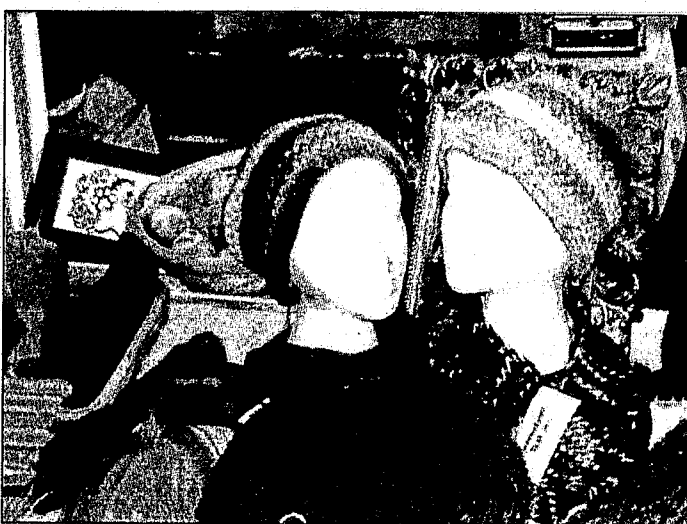
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WARES FAIR SHOPPING-
Top left, Karen Bean makes a purchase from Bethany Weisberger of Gneiss Spice. The local company packages more than 150 different organic spices and specialty salts in hexagonal glass jars with magnetic lids that form a unique honeycomb-shaped spice rack. Weisberger was also selling greeting cards with a "gem" theme to help raise funds to allow her and her husband, Wade Kavanaugh, to open The Gem Theater in the former Casablanca building. Top right, After looking over the extensive selection of polymer clay pins and earrings offered by Paper Moon Jewelry of Newcastle, Pat Blake makes a selection. Glenn Dwyer said his wife, Jayne, took up the craft about 20 years ago, after honing her attention to detail with 15 years in the wedding cake business. Her intricately crafted jewelry features birds, animals, and wildflowers of Maine, as well as seasonal designs.

A. Wight Chapman



Bottom left, Hats on display at the fair.
Bottom right, Bird houses for sale at the Wares Fair.

D. Bennett



"Let Your Light Shine Celebration"

It is time to usher in the holiday season with the West Paris Library's annual "Let Your Light Shine" celebration. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the West Paris Library and will take place on Friday, Dec. 11 at 6:30.

The lights sparkling around the Little Castle with the Big Heart are an expression of the warm wishes and gratitude felt toward all who have supported the library in any way and the community it serves.

Following the illumination of the lights, Truce, which is an acoustic duo, with West Paris residents Steve Moore and Shellie Leger will ring in the Christmas spirit singing favorites of the season.

An added attraction will be a display of photos of our Western National Parks by Stephanie Emery, a resident of West Paris.



Steve Moore and Shellie Leger.

Submitted photo

Please join us for this joyous occasion and bring your family and friends.
For more information, please call the library at 674-

2004. Library hours are Monday and Friday, 1:30 to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Veterans' Home celebrates 20th

The year was 1995. The price of gas was \$1.09. President of the United States was George W. Bush and the governor of the state of Maine was Angus King. A postage stamp was 32 cents. Eggs were 87 cents a dozen. OJ Simpson was found innocent of murdering his ex wife. Major League Baseball ended a 232 day strike. The most popular films of the year were Apollo 13, Ace Ventura and Braveheart. Topping the Music Charts were Janet Jackson, Garth Brooks, Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston, Van Halen and Smashing Pumpkins. World wide news included the Space Shuttle Atlantic docking with the Russian MIR Space Station. An outbreak of Ebola virus killed 244 Africans in Zaire.

Making local news, The Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris opened their doors on July 26, 1995, admitting their very first resident. The facility had been under construction for just under 2 years, and finally, new employees and residents were ready to begin operations at the state of the art 90-bed facility. Interviews for positions in Nursing, Dietary, Housekeeping and Laundry, Medical Records, and Activities had been going on since early in the Spring, and training of new hires had been going on for two weeks.

The facility celebrates 20 years of operations this year, and is proud of the many veterans, spouses and widows who have been cared for in the last 2 decades. Over 2,000 admissions have taken place. The 90-bed facility offers Long term care, Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation, Assisted Living and Special Care Dementia. Although initially, filling the 90 beds was slow, the home now boasts an average of 98% occupancy. There are wait lists for interested parties for all levels of care. The facility has achieved numerous awards for quality of care including the prestigious Silver and

Bronze level of the American Health Care Association Commitment to Quality, through the Center for Medicare Services, the 5 star rating for quality of care and the Pinnacle Best in Class, a national nursing home satisfaction survey. Locally, through Healthy Oxford Hills, Maine Veterans' Home has achieved the Work Healthy Award for the past six years.

A celebration of the past 20 years will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m. Guest speakers will reminisce about the selection of the land for development of the facility here in South Paris, the construction, and the accomplishments of the establishment over the years. The celebration will be attended by residents, families, and staff, both present and retired,

and community members. Tours of the facility will be available, music selections will be performed by the OHCHS String Quartet and there will be a slide show featuring the facility over the past 20 years. Refreshments will be served.
For more information about the celebration or about the facility visit our website at www.mainevets.org or call 207-743-6300.



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Age-Friendly Community news

Livability Factor #2: Transportation
Are there safe and affordable modes of private and public transportation?
This issue is commonly a predominant challenge facing those who live in remote, rural communities, such as Bethel and surrounding towns.
The following transportation services are currently offered in the Bethel area:
• The Community Rides program, run by non-profit Western Maine Transportation Services (WMTS); public, wheel-chair accessible bus service on a request basis. (Income guidelines). FMI: 1-800-393-9335.

• Accessible transportation services for medical appointments: ElderRides program, also run by WMTS. (Income guidelines). FMI: 1-800-393-9335.
• Northern Vista Senior Care: free transportation to and from Lewiston for those needing chemotherapy and radiation treatment. FMI: Gerry McCann, 836-2173.
• Mountain Explorer shuttle during the winter season at designated stops within the village of Bethel and between Bethel and Sunday River. (free) FMI: <http://mountainexplorer.org/>.

• Stagecoach Shuttle Services: taxi service within the greater Bethel area and to Sunday River; also to the Portland transportation centers and most of Maine on a 24/7 basis (fee). FMI: 357-5783.
Do you have additional thoughts about transportation accessibility? If so, please contact Allen Cressy (ajcressy@megalink.net or 824-0508). All nine Livability Factor reports are available at the Bethel Library or the Bethel Family Health Center.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – AUTUMN WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters
BAT
ICY
PIE

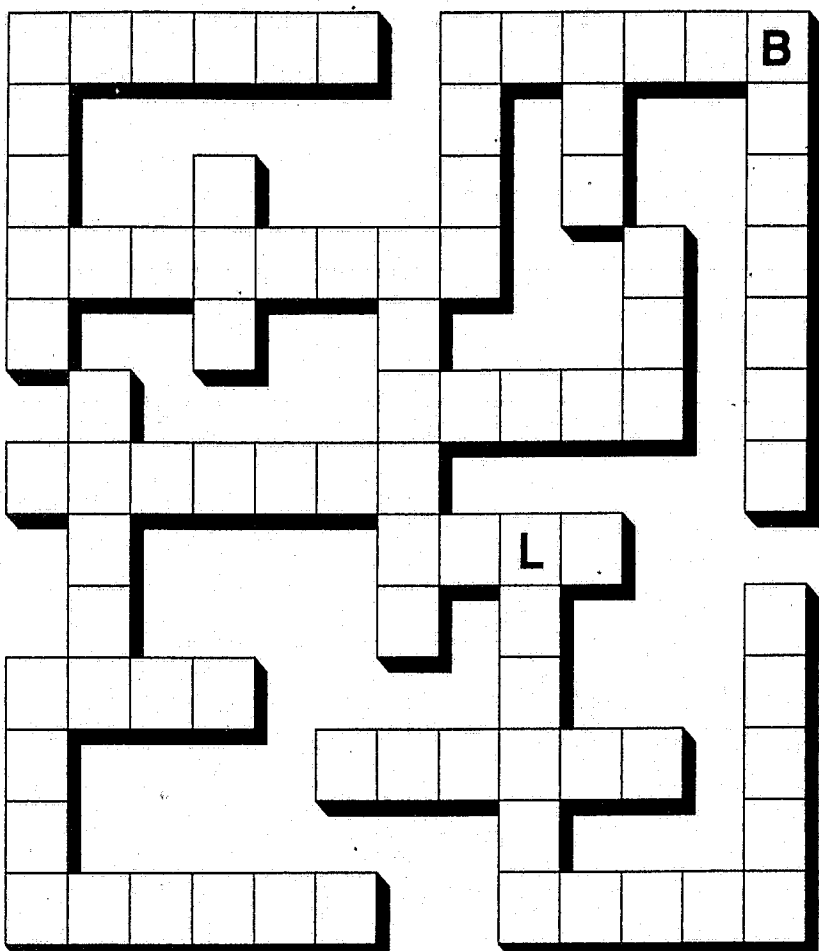
4 Letters
CORN
GOLD
SOUP
STEW

5 Letters
APPLE
CIDER
CROPS
QUILT
SEEDS

6 Letters
CHILLY
COBWEB
GLOVES
LEAVES
ORANGE
PARADE

7 Letters
BONFIRE
PUMPKIN

8 Letters
ELECTION

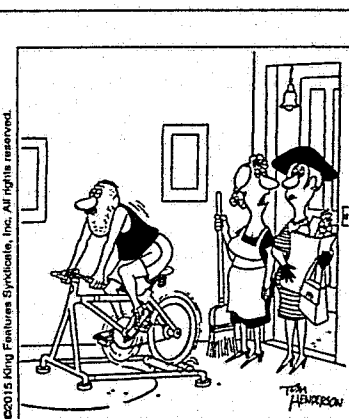


SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Chirp
BAWLER
Collect
ANGLE
Design
LODEM
Theory
HOTMED

TODAY'S WORD



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



1. Jewelry rack is missing. 2. List is shorter. 3. Feathers are missing. 4. Pendant is missing. 5. Skirt is different. 6. Sign is different.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: D equals T

MQYTN K AQOE DBGOGXNB

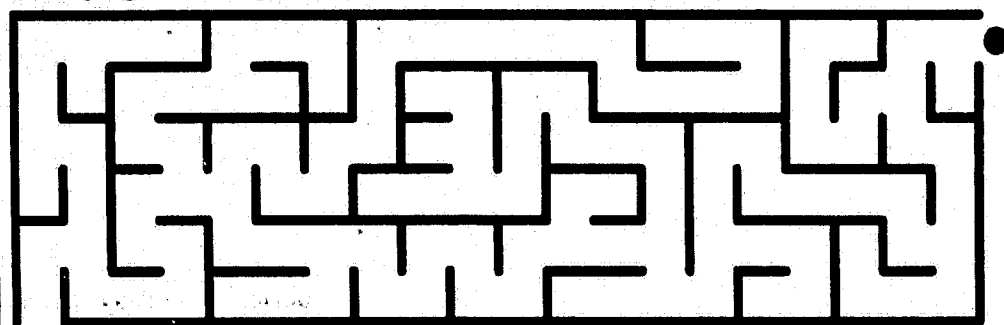
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KJSKEF LKPQF FXOQ DG ZGAQO

KJJ DBQ MOKZQF.

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Kids' Maze

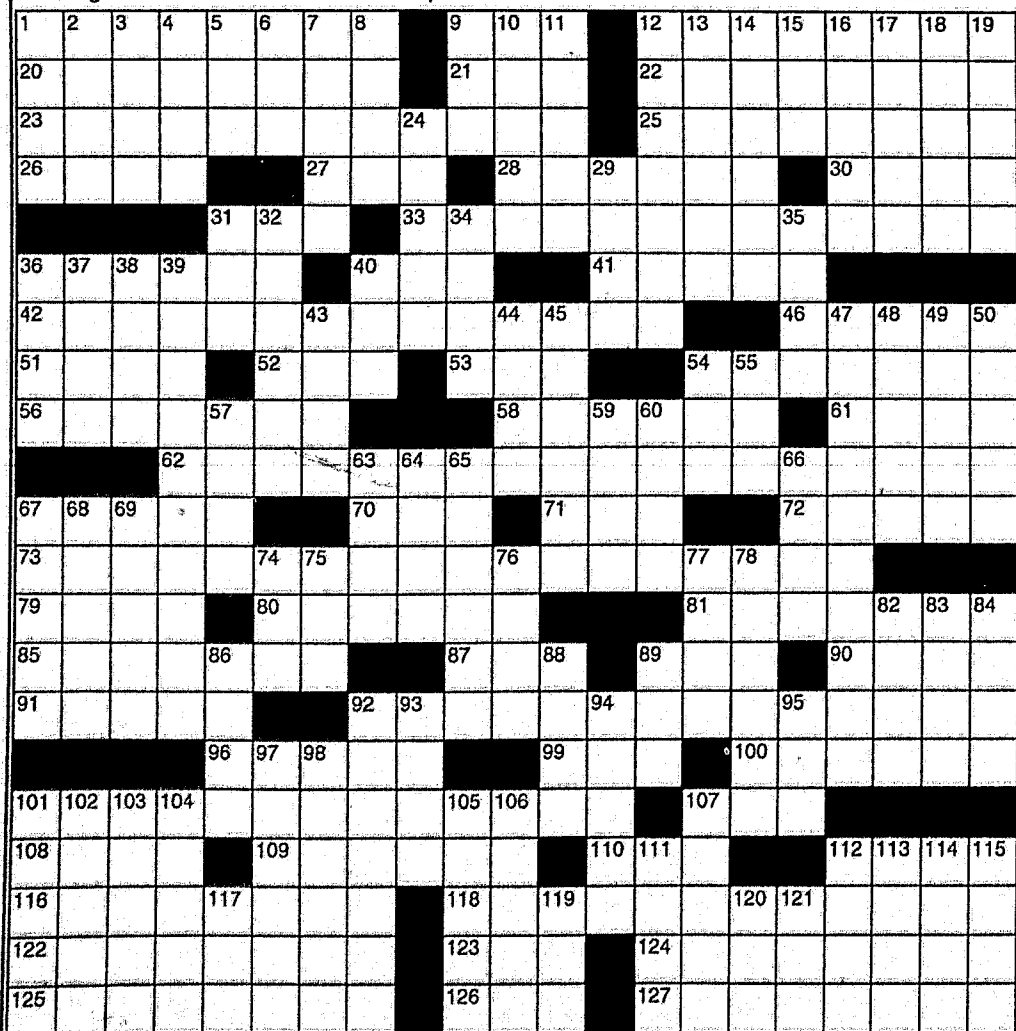


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Super Crossword

THE ARTIST WITHIN

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Pink bird</p> <p>9 — jogg</p> <p>12 Return</p> <p>20 Spray types</p> <p>21 Simian beast</p> <p>22 The college world</p> <p>23 Displayed collection of choice coffees?</p> <p>25 Lawfulness</p> <p>26 Spanish for "those"</p> <p>27 Displayed collection of animals</p> <p>28 Certain Nebraska</p> <p>30 Most draftable</p> <p>31 Brew for a Brit</p> <p>33 Group of connected electric generators?</p> <p>36 2012 Robert Pattinson film</p> <p>40 Las Vegas' state. Abbr.</p> <p>41 Stale-smelling</p> <p>42 Period when some butterfly family plants are grown?</p> | <p>46 Vast, grassy Argentine plain</p> <p>51 Actress Wynter</p> <p>52 One day — time</p> <p>53 Biol., e.g.</p> <p>54 One driving too fast</p> <p>56 Touchdown area</p> <p>58 "Neon" tank swimmers</p> <p>61 Daddy deer</p> <p>62 Group overseeing quadrennial games?</p> <p>67 Cartoonist Bill of "The Family Circus"</p> <p>70 "It's — brainer!"</p> <p>71 Wee one</p> <p>72 Beijing locale</p> <p>73 Engine fuel sold all over the country?</p> <p>79 Razor option</p> <p>80 Lampoon</p> <p>81 Combo punches</p> <p>85 Things that destroy</p> <p>87 Cousin of a 401(k)</p> <p>89 Austrian peak</p> <p>90 Inner Hebrides isle</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Stardom</p> <p>2 Most August-born folks</p> <p>3 Western U.S. oil giant</p> <p>4 — scale of hardness</p> <p>5 "It — far, far better ..."</p> <p>6 Yuletide beverage</p> <p>7 Doughnut coating</p> <p>8 Capital near Lillehammer</p> <p>9 West of film</p> <p>10 Cook's tie-on</p> <p>11 2002 #3 hit for Cam'ron</p> <p>12 Actor Rory</p> <p>13 Liner locales</p> <p>14 Refrigerator</p> <p>15 Writer LeShan</p> <p>16 Under</p> <p>17 — acid</p> <p>18 Person quoting</p> <p>19 Inuit canoe</p> <p>24 Metallic veins</p> <p>29 Bullets, e.g.</p> <p>31 Dr.'s gp.</p> <p>32 Tedious list</p> <p>34 YSL part</p> <p>35 Variety</p> <p>36 A-F link</p> <p>37 Jolie de vivre</p> <p>38 — a hand</p> | <p>39 Iquitos natives, e.g.</p> <p>40 Supersecret org.</p> <p>43 News note oil giant</p> <p>44 — part (play on stage)</p> <p>45 Noonday nap</p> <p>47 Principles of artistic beauty</p> <p>48 Cato's 1,503</p> <p>49 The Evita of "Evita"</p> <p>50 Soccer site</p> <p>54 Cul-de —</p> <p>55 It follows chl</p> <p>57 Margarine</p> <p>59 General — chicken</p> <p>60 — tiller</p> <p>63 Ark unit</p> <p>64 Prefix with 72-Across</p> <p>65 Redact jointly</p> <p>66 Oxy target</p> <p>67 Tree knots</p> <p>68 Accept avidly</p> <p>69 Skyli courts 74 It airs</p> <p>75 "Fresh Air"</p> <p>76 "How — I to know?"</p> <p>77 Hang laxly</p> <p>78 Like a live ball</p> | <p>82 Stirred to life</p> <p>83 Obligation</p> <p>84 Devilizes</p> <p>86 Austen title</p> <p>88 Middle name of Elvis</p> <p>89 Just swell</p> <p>92 Compound variants</p> <p>93 Guitarist Cline</p> <p>94 Italian father</p> <p>95 Sugar ending</p> <p>97 Make it there</p> <p>98 Schick tool</p> <p>101 Members of the masses</p> <p>102 Japanese noodle soup</p> <p>103 Beethoven's "Für —"</p> <p>104 Offshootings</p> <p>105 Yellow fruit</p> <p>106 Of — (in some way)</p> <p>107 Helmsley or Lewis</p> <p>111 "There's — in the air"</p> <p>112 Citadel</p> <p>113 Concerning</p> <p>114 Moose, e.g.</p> <p>115 10:1, e.g.</p> <p>117 " — who?"</p> <p>119 Stadium cry</p> <p>120 Here, in Haiti</p> <p>121 Stocking flaw</p> |
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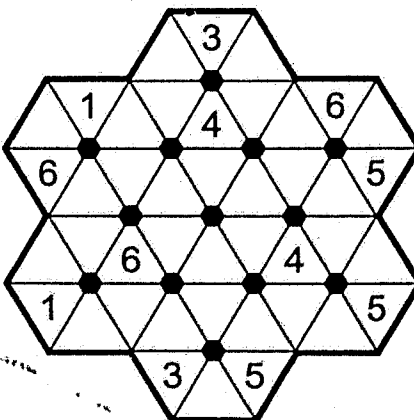


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9	3		7		
	2	8			3
6			5	1	
8		3	6	4	
4		9			2
	9	1		8	
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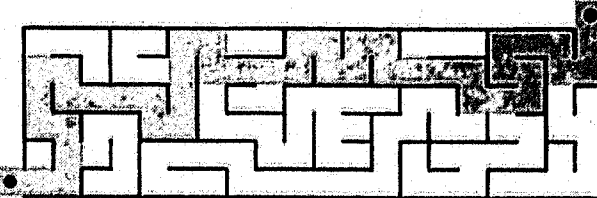
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

★★★ HOO BOY!

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Kids' Maze Solution

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

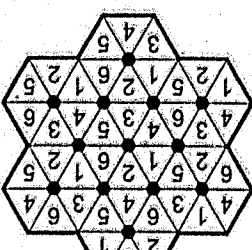
1. Warble; 2. Clean; 3. Model; 4. Method

Being a very thorough worker, my orthodontist always makes sure to cover all the braces.

answer



Answer



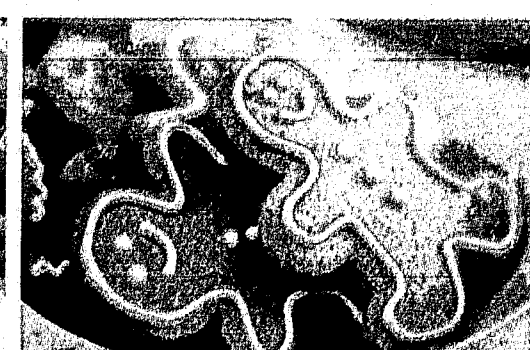
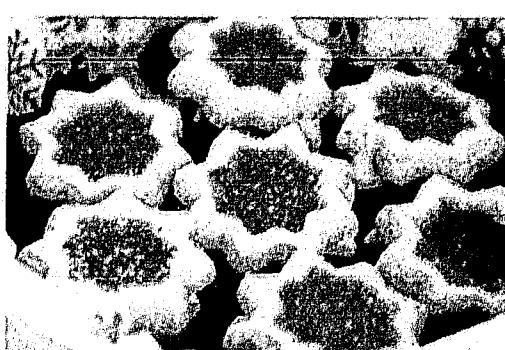
Solution

ANSWERS:

Weekly SUDOKU

1	9	8	3	6	2	7	4	5
4	8	2	1	3	5	7		
8	7	5	6	4	3	9	2	1
3	2	9	4	1	7	8	6	5
4	6	7	9	5	8	1	3	2
5	8	1	2	3	6	4	7	9
6	3	4	7	9	5	2	1	8
7	5	2	1	8	4	6	9	3
1	9	8	3	6	2	7	4	5

Answer



Homemade sweet treats to share with friends and family!

Happening Around Town

Cookies With Santa at Woodstock Elementary School Friday, December 4

Santa lights the town Christmas tree at 6 p.m. and the fire department brings Santa over to the Woodstock School where students and their families may visit with Santa. Craft tables for kids and lots of cookies to eat.

Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 5

Pancake breakfast with Santa followed by photos, silent auction, and a gently-used book sale. Proceeds benefit the 5th grade class trip. 8am-1pm, Crescent Park School, Bethel.

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides Saturday, December 5

Horse-drawn wagon rides for the whole family! 1-3pm. Sponsored by Doug Zinchuk Roofing. Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm.

Christmas Tea and Fair Saturday, December 5

1-4pm, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Festive traditional tea and fair featuring Christmas and other handmade crafts, a cookie walk, attic treasures, and delicious food from bread to pickles. FMI: 824-2689, westparishucc@gmail.com or www.bethelcongregationalchurch.org.

The Light Up Main Street Jingle Walk Saturday, December 5

Watch Main Street businesses light up one-by-one as carolers walk up Main Street towards the town common to light the Christmas tree, Santa will accompany the parade on a firetruck! Meet at Philbrook Place by 3:45 pm to participate. Tree lighting on the common will take place at approximately 4:45 pm.

Memorial Tree Lighting Saturday, December 5

6pm. Refreshments to follow in the dining room. Bethel United Methodist Church, 75 Main Street, Bethel.

Christmas at the Mason House Saturday, December 5

Enjoy music and refreshments in the 1813 Mason House period rooms, decorated in traditional mid-nineteenth century style and illuminated by candles. Free (donations appreciated). 3:30-6:30 pm. at the Bethel Historical Society.

The Nutcracker with the Robinson Ballet Saturday, December 5

3 PM, Telstar Regional High School Auditorium. The Robinson Ballet Company of Bangor brings Tchaikovsky's beloved holiday classic, The Nutcracker, to Bethel. Adults \$15/Children 12 and under \$10

Christmas Concert by Mahosuc Community Band Sunday, December 6

Refreshments following concert. Free (donations accepted). 4pm. West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel.

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Holly-Jolly Almond Brittle

1½ cups whole almonds
3 tbsp butter
1 cup sugar
4 tbsp water

Spread almonds in a single layer on an ungreased baking sheet. With oven rack at center position, toast at 350 degrees for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Melt butter in a small skillet over medium heat. Add toasted almonds and cook, stirring constantly, for about 3 minutes. Set aside. Combine sugar and water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve sugar. Wash down crystals on sides of pan with a small brush dipped in water; do not stir. Bring to a boil until mixture turns golden. Remove from heat; stir in almonds and butter. Quickly pour onto a greased baking sheet. Let cool; when hardened, break into pieces. Store at room temperature in an airtight container. Makes about one pound.

Snowflake Crunch Mix

½ cup margarine
1 cup creamy peanut butter
12 oz. pkg. semi-sweet chocolate chips
12 oz. pkg. corn & rice cereal
3 cups powdered sugar

Melt margarine, peanut butter and chocolate chips together in a saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly, until well blended. Remove from heat. Place cereal into a large bowl and pour chocolate mixture over top; mix thoroughly. Pour powdered sugar into a large brown paper bag. Add cereal mixture; gently shake to evenly coat. Let cool; place in airtight containers. Makes 10 to 12 cups.

Merry Christmas Cookies

2 16½ oz. tubes refrigerated sugar cookie dough, softened
1 cup dried cherries, chopped
1 cup pistachios, chopped
2 11 oz. pkgs. white chocolate chips

Combine cookie dough, cherries and pistachios in a large bowl; mix well. Shape into 2 logs; chill for one hour. Slice cookies 1/4-inch thick; arrange on lightly greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 14 minutes, until golden. Cool completely. Melt chocolate in a double boiler over medium-low heat; stir until smooth. Dip cookies in melted chocolate and place on wax paper; let stand until set. Makes about 5 dozen.

Holiday Butter Cookies

2 cups butter, softened
2 cups powdered sugar
4 eggs, beaten
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp lemon juice
1 tbsp milk
5½ cups all-purpose flour

Blend together butter, powdered sugar and eggs in a large mixing bowl; set aside. Dissolve baking soda in lemon juice; add to butter mixture. Stir in milk and flour gradually. Roll dough to 1/4-inch thickness and cut with cookie cutters. Arrange on ungreased baking sheets; bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes.

Cherry Christmas Pizza

9 inch frozen pie crust, thawed
8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
2 eggs, beaten
½ cup sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
21 oz. can cherry pie filling

Lay thawed pie crust flat onto a 12" pizza pan that has been sprayed with non-stick vegetable spray. Pat crust to sides of pan. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes. Let cool; reduce oven temperature to 375 degrees. Beat cream cheese, eggs, sugar and vanilla in a medium bowl. Pour over crust. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes. Let cool; spread pie filling over top. Serves 8.

Butterscotch Gingerbread Cookies

½ cup butter, softened
½ cup brown sugar, packed
3.4 oz. pkg. cook & serve butterscotch pudding mix
1 egg, beaten
1½ cups all-purpose flour
½ tsp baking soda
1½ tsp ground ginger
1 tsp cinnamon

Blend together butter, brown sugar and pudding mix; add egg. Mix in remaining ingredients. Chill for 30 minutes. Roll out 1/4-inch thick on a floured surface; cut with cookie cutters as desired. Arrange on greased baking sheets and bake for 8 to 10 minutes at 350 degrees. Makes about one dozen.

Chocolate Peppermint Drops

1 cup margarine, softened
¾ cup sugar
¾ cup dark brown sugar, packed
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 tsp peppermint extract
2 eggs, beaten
2 cups all-purpose flour
¾ cup baking cocoa
1 tsp baking soda
½ tsp salt
½ cup candy canes, crushed

Combine margarine, sugars, extracts and eggs in a large bowl; mix well. Add remaining ingredients except candy canes; blend well. Chill for 15 minutes, or until dough is easy to handle. Roll well-rounded teaspoons of dough into balls; place on parchment paper-lined baking sheets. Bake at 325 degrees for 11 to 13 minutes, or until cookies are puffed and centers are set. Remove from oven; with back of a spoon, immediately and gently make a well in center of cookies. Spoon about 1/2 teaspoon of crushed candy into well. Let stand for 2 to 3 minutes before removing from baking sheet. Makes 3-1/2 dozen.

Minty Cheesecake Bars

4 1-oz. sqs. unsweetened baking chocolate, coarsely chopped
½ c. plus 2 tbsp butter, divided
2 cups sugar
4 eggs, divided
2 tsp vanilla extract
1 cup all-purpose flour
8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
1 tbsp cornstarch
14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk
1 tsp peppermint extract
Optional: green food coloring
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
½ cup whipping cream
Garnish: crushed peppermints

Melt baking chocolate with 1/2 cup butter; stir until smooth. Combine chocolate mixture with sugar, 3 eggs, vanilla and flour in a large bowl, blending well. Spread in a greased 13"x9" baking pan. Bake for 12 minutes at 350 degrees. Beat together cream cheese, remaining butter and cornstarch in a medium bowl until fluffy. Gradually beat in condensed milk, remaining egg, peppermint extract and food coloring, if desired. Pour mixture over hot chocolate layer; bake for 30 minutes, or until set. Combine chocolate chips and cream in a small saucepan. Cook over low heat until smooth, stirring constantly. Spread over mint layer; sprinkle with crushed peppermints and let cool. Refrigerate until set; cut into bars. Store covered in refrigerator. Makes 2 to 3 dozen bars.



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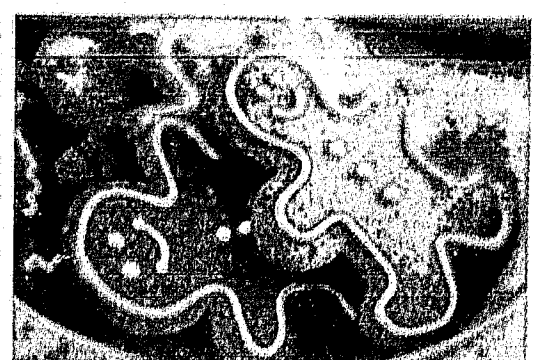
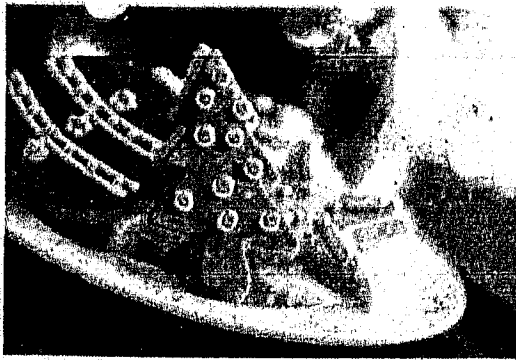
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The 20th Anniversary Gala was held at the Towne & Country Resort in Shelburne, N.H. A drawing for the 20 Year Gala invitations provided the 20-year NCD Veteran Patient guest list. In addition to the 20-year VIPs, several notable doctors were in attendance. Hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, cake and coffee were served.

A highlight of the evening was a musical presentation by "Dr. 2th and The Final Impressions." The four-piece band, led by Dr. Paul Schoenbeck on vocals, included Dr. Eric Hamilton (rhythm guitar), Dr. Mark Hartzler (lead guitar), Dr. Lindsey Jackson (keyboards and vocals), and Steve Roy (drums). Dr. Hamilton works at North Country Dental's North Conway office; Dr. Hartzler and Dr. Jackson are at North Country Dental in Gorham, N.H. However, the doctors assured guests that none are considering giving up their day jobs to pursue musical careers, at this point in time.

"We wanted to recognize our long-time patients and do something special for our 20th anniversary," said Dr. Schoenbeck. "We have so many dedicated patients and we wanted to recognize those who've been with us the longest. We wouldn't be celebrating 20 years if it weren't for all our patients' trust in North Country Dental. We appreciate every one of them and look forward to continuing to provide the advanced dental and cosmetic services they come to North Country Dental for."

ARWC annual conference Dec. 9

The Androscoggin River Watershed Council (ARWC) will hold its annual conference on Dec. 9 at the Bethel Inn Resort from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. "The River Current" is an opportunity for everyone to learn about river and land conservation activities along the entire Androscoggin River watershed. We invite anyone interested in the river and its tributaries to register for the conference and join us at the Bethel Inn for a day of networking and educational presentations designed to inform attendees about on-going river activities.

Presentations will include an opening talk by Nancy Lecompte on the history of Native Americans along the Androscoggin River. Ms. Lecompte

is the founder, director and primary volunteer of Ne-Do-Ba, a Maine non-profit organization exploring and sharing the Wabanaki history of interior New England. She is an acknowledged authority on the Native American history of this region. This is a great opportunity to hear about the early inhabitants along the Androscoggin.

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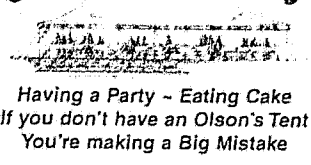
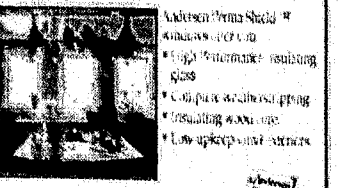
Another highlight of the conference will be a presentation by the Chewonki Foundation, "Owls in Maine." Three live owls are the highlights of this program, which introduces participants to the owls native to Maine and New England. Beginning with slides and sounds, participants will learn the identifying characteristics and calls of each owl. Then, using talons, wings, and skulls, we explore the adaptations of these silent nocturnal hunters. This program ends with an intimate and detailed look at live owls, bringing these creatures of the night into

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In addition there will be informational/educational sessions on conservation, water quality, engaging youth in community service and other river related topics.

Although you can register on site, pre-registration is recommended for planning and logistical purposes. Registration is \$40 for adults and \$30 for full time students. There is limited scholarship funding available for students. Please call for details on student scholarships. For a full conference agenda and to register for the conference, please visit our website at www.androscogginwatershed.org or contact Becky Seacrest at beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or 207-824-3813 or 207-754-8158.

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Committee	Number of Vacancies	Length of Term (Years)
Airport Authority	2	3
Appeals Board	1	3
Appeals Board	1	2
Bingham Forest Authority	2	3
Budget Committee	4	3
Conservation Commission	1	3
Planning Board	3	3
Ordinance Review	3	1
Recreation Board	2	3
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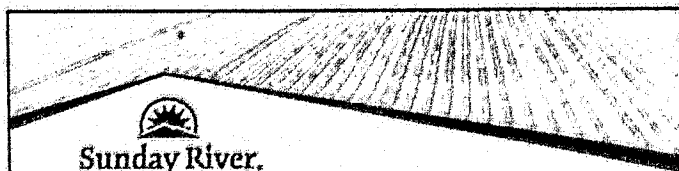
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Obituaries



JOANNE WALTERS

JoAnne May Walters, III, 88, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at her home in Bryant Pond.

JoAnne was born in Dexter, July 16, 1927 a daughter of Harold and Doris Clukey, Sr. JoAnne lived a full life and touched many. She had lived in West Palm Beach half of her life, and resided in Bryant Pond for the rest of her years. She was a big part of her brother Harold's and his family's life. JoAnne worked in her brother Har-

old's drug store in Bethel, at Trap Corner, as a coordinator for RSVP and was a Notary Public. She enjoyed reading, work puzzles, game shows, her two cats Holly and Folly and had often-times donated money to a cat shelter. Most of all she loved her family.

She is survived by two granddaughters and one grandson, Nathan Clukey, of California; sister-in-law Violette Clukey of Bryant Pond; nephews Roland Clukey and his wife Cathy of Plymouth, John Clukey and his wife Lorraine of Poland Springs, David Clukey and his wife Grace of South Korea and great-nephews and great-nieces Branden, John Michael, Sean, Morgan, Erika, Trisha, Jacob, Cameron, Ezra and Lina.

The Clukey family gives many thanks to Don Parker of Bryant Pond, Pat Early and Janet Coverdale of Bethel, to all the nurses from Androscoggin Home Care

and Hospice, and especially to Dr. Richard DeCarolis of Bethel Family Health Center, all of whom showed many kindnesses to JoAnne during her illness.

She was predeceased by her parents; older brothers Quentin, Cyrel, Rolla, Vernon and Harold Clukey, Jr.; daughter Jackie Howard of Minot and Niece Terry Johnson of Portland.

JoAnne, we felt your love, enjoyed your great sense of humor and loved listening to your wonderful stories. You are a strong influence in our lives and we will always remember and love you.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Responsible Pet Care, 9 Swallow Road, South Paris, Maine 04281.



KENNETH E. CUNNINGHAM

Kenneth E. Cunningham, 85, passed away on Nov. 27, 2015 in Bryant Pond.

The son of Clinton W. and Teresa (Sidelinger) Cunningham, Ken was born in

Chelsea on Dec. 14, 1929. He was educated in local schools and graduated from Cony High School in Augusta in 1948. In April 1951 he entered the U.S. Army and served two years in Korea. He married Ruth Tozier in November 1953. In 1955 he was employed by the City of Caribou Public Works Department and retired in 1991.

Ken was always more than willing to help out anyone in need with the repair of nearly anything and will be remembered by the many that he touched. Ken loved camping, he and Ruth spent many memorable years exploring the country in their travel trailer. Ken was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Bethel for more than 20 years.

He is survived by his wife Ruth, two sons and daughters in law, Paul K. and Lynn of Arrowsic, and Craig P. and Lora of Kennebunk, as well as three granddaughters, Lindsay Baker, Kaitlyn Morse and Hannah Cunningham and one grandson, Jared Cunningham, one great-grandson and one great-granddaughter. He is also survived by a brother, Clinton, of Augusta and a sister, Frances Quintal, of West Gardiner. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com

A memorial mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Bethel. Interment will be at the Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Androscoggin Hospice House, 236 Stetson Road, Auburn, or visit www.ahch.org. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris.



ORENE BAHRE

Orene Bahre died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015 in Poland surrounded by her family.

She was born in Bethel, Maine on Feb. 9, 1939 to Georgia M. (Thurlock) and Charles B. Mason and she spent her early years in the Bethel area.

She married Robert Osgood and they had three children together. She worked for many years in the food service industry, including Harvey's Restaurant in Bethel, Bean's in South Paris, and ran the cafeteria at the Tannery.

She married Richard Bahre Nov. 30, 1985 in States-

ville, North Carolina where they lived for many years.

Orene loved to travel, enjoyed NASCAR and just being at home. The last five years she has maintained her home with her niece, Sally Bartlett and partner, Sue Reny in Poland.

Survivors include a son, James Osgood and his wife, Marjorie of Newry; daughter, Cynthia Bray of Mechanic Falls; a beloved niece, Sally Bartlett and her partner, Sue Reny; and a step daughter, Dawn Nicklory; seven grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; brothers, William Mason, Stuart Mason and wife, Gail all of South Paris, and Wayne Mason and his wife, JoEllen of Arrowhead, Oklahoma; and a sister, Sandra Mason of Bethel.

She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Richard A. Bahre; a son, Gregory Osgood; a son-in-law, Thomas Bray; brothers, Charles B. Mason, Jr., Robert Mason and Edmund Mason; sisters, Bessie Carl and Josephine Brown.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Chandler Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris where a funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. Interment will be at the Riverside Annex in South Paris. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Orene's memory be made to Responsible Pet Care, PO Box 82, Norway, ME 04268. Condolences can be expressed to the family by visiting www.chandlerfunerals.com

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